Communists seize 1975 initiative

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U.S. guzzling too much oil: Ford plans tough tax

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington Americans appear to be on an oilconsuming spree, as President Ford prepares to announce a "tough" new energy policy for the nation.

Latest figures from the Federal Energy Administration (FEA) indicate that the U.S. is "wiping out" most, if not all, the conservation gains achieved over the last year.

"We are," said an FEA official, 'using more energy than we should be, and that use is steadily increas-

Voluntarily, in other words, Americans are failing to heed Mr. Ford's urging that imports of foreign oil now running well above 7 million barrels daily — be cut by a million barrels a day by the end of this year.

U.S. production shrinks

Domestic production of oil continues to shrink, so any reduction in

Soviet KGB tightens grip

Written for The Christian Science Monitor

Among the mysterious political maneuvers going on in the Soviet Union, one fact stands out — the rising influence of KGB (secret police) chief Yuri V. Andropov, who is also a Politburo member. and head of the Ministry of the Interior (MVD).

When the armed forces daily Red Star published its recent obituary on an old wartime naval commander, Mr. Andropev's name appeared as a leading signatory just under the Breshuev-Podgorny-Kosygin - triumvirate and Defense Minister Marshal Andrei A. Grechko. His name normally should have appeared uniong these of the other Polit huro members.

Mr. Andropov's prominence new style in foreign and domestic policy - hardline without being Stalinist.

An example of this policy was the Dec. 18 publication of Foreign Minister Andrei A. Gromyko's letter to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger denying any commitment to a more lenient emigration policy toward Soviet

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petroleum imports must come through conservation — a goal Americans appear to be ignoring.

Total demand for petroleum products, reports the FEA, in the fourweek period ending Dec. 13, 1974, "was 5.6 percent higher than last

Americans consumed 18.742 million barrels of oil daily during that period ending Dec. 13 (latest date for which figures are available), compared with 17:740 million barrels a day the year

Within this total, consumption was up for most major products - gasoline, jet fuel, and distillate fuel oil, including home heating oil. Consumption of residual, or heavy, fuel oil, used mainly by factories and public utilities, was slightly down.

An FEA official, stressing that these figures are preliminary, though "fairly accurate," said it is too early to know "whether we are wiping out all our conservation savings" of the

Through the first seven or eight months of 1974, according to energy officials, Americans were using about 5 percent less petroleum than in the equivalent period of 1973. Then, said one, "as the memory of the [Arab] embargo began to fade, consumption began to rise."

FEA saw a definite turnaround last September, when Americans began to creep back toward their "normal" pre-embargo consumption of oil, including gasoline.

In October President Ford called on Americans to be "energy savers." Now, conceding that voluntarism has failed, the President reportedly plans to ask Congress to slap a tariff, perhaps \$3 a barrel, on imported oil and an equivalent levy on domestic U.S. per oleum.

Mr. Ford and White House advisers, in other words, hope that a higher price on oil will dampen consumer demand. A \$8 tax on a barrel of oil would raise the price of gasoline by 7 to 10 cents a gallon, officials at ?

Retail tax rejected

Reportedly Mr. Ford has rejected a higher retail tax on gasoline in favor of a tax on crude oil, thus spreading the load among all oil users. White House economists also are said to have ruled out gasoline rationing for the time being.

A \$3 tax on each barrel of crude oil would raise billions of dollars for the U.S. Treasury, thus offsetting any revenue loss from an income-tax cut, which Mr. Ford is expected to pro-

Israel's Spartan life: the high cost of survival

By Geoffrey Godseli Overseas news editor of The Christian Science Monitor

Jerusalem Israelis as a whole are facing stoically the staggering economic burdens which (as they see it) are part of the price of survival.

There were some isolated protests immediately after November's devaluation of the Israeli pound, reducing it in value overnight from 24 to 17 cents. But the sober way in which the government has presented the case for the belt-tightening needed to keep Israel going has now won broad acceptance. The government's case has been further strengthened by the way in which it has since stood its ground in the face of pleading from special interests.

Basically Israel finds itself caught between two millstones: paying for the cost of the October war of 1973 (put at some \$7 billion - at the then exchange rate - by Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz) and paying to equip itself in case of a possible new war (for which, according to Mr. Rabinowitz, defense imports cost \$2

billion in 1974 and will cost \$2.5 billion in 1975).

This would be a daunting challenge at the best of times. But Israel finds itself having to face it when: • The entire world is beset by

• Both food and energy imports

are costing phenomenally more. • Israel's Arab foes are increasingly better placed than Israel because of oil wealth to buy ever higherpriced arms abroad.

 World support or sympathy for Israel is waning.

• Even in the still friendly United States, economic and political pressures are putting curbs on foreign aid.

 The desire of world Jewry to continue to help Israel is inhibited (when it comes to cash contributions) by the increase of the cost of living in

Against this background, Israel's relationship with the United States remains crucial. As is conceded at the highest level, Israel is more dependent financially on its U.S. patron than are the Arabs on their Soviet patron. And one of the considerations in deciding to accept the tough con-

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virtually every other country.

or jailed for up to 10 days. The aim is twofold: fire prevention, *Please turn to Page 4

public health." The Washington prohibition follows a three-week-old New York City ban

on smoking in elevators, supermarkets, college classrooms lacking nonsmoking sections, and other public places. The penalties are even tougher: up to \$1,000 in fines or one year in iail.

are under consideration in Los Ange-

active on behalf of nonsmokers: barred smoking in elevators and all but designated areas of concert halls,

South Vietnam braces for attacks

By Daniel Southerland Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor.

Barring an unexpected political settlement, 1975 promises to be a: much hotter year for South Vietnam than were the previous two "postcease-fire" years.

The Communist-led forces in South Vietnam have grown more aggressive and are likely to continue hitting higger targets this year. But they are also likely to stop short of launching a massive nationwide offensive of the 1968 or 1972 variety.

Instead of hitting a whole series of targets at the same time, as they did

going to be more selective — attacking one area in force and bringing it under control before moving on to another. A frontal assault on a major city like Saigon seems highly improbable.

These are the preliminary conclusions of a number of Western analysts as Salgon recovers from the shock of this week's Communist capture of a provincial capital to the north of here.

Where next?

The recent fighting has been described by some observers as some of the heaviest to occur since the Vietnam cease-fire was declared almost in those earlier campaigns, they are two years ago. The upsurge also

the Communist-led forces.

In the early days after the ceasefire was supposed to go into effect, it was the Saigon government Army which seemed, in many cases, to be taking the initiative. But the Communists began to reverse that trend in the middle of last year, and it now is

they who clearly have the initiative. Saigon is full of speculation as to where the Communists might strike next. Binh Dinh? Tay Ninh? No one seems to know for sure.

The Communists' capture of the capital of Phuoc Long Province last Tuesday has given President Nguyen Van Thieu an opportunity to appeal for increased assistance from the United States. (It was the first provincial capital to be attacked by the Communists since the cease-fire was declared).

Too little, too late

But the loss also revealed some serious weaknesses in the Saigon military machine. Saigon was slow to reinforce the beleaguered provincial capital; and once it did send reinforcements, the air support which they were counting on turned out to be badly coordinated and totally inadequate. It seemed to be a case of too little, too late.

Phuoc Long is not by any means one of South Vietnam's key provinces. While one of the largest in size, it is

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Congress unlikely to help Thieu

Mansfield opposes any additional funds

By Robert P. Hey Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

President Ford faces strong opposition among Democrats in Congress to any request for urgent military help for Vietnam. Republicans will also need considerable persuading.

These conclusions emerge from interviews with key figures on Capitol

Senate Majority Leader Mike Mansfield strongly opposes the expected effort to provide \$300 million in military aid quickly to beleaguered South Vietnam.

What is more, in a telephone interview he indicated doubt that Congress as a whole would agree either:

"It would be quite a fight," he said. "I'm not certain [the Ford administration] could get it.''

Two differing views

Members of Congress, he said, "have had their fill of Southeast Asia. They think these people ought to settle their problems in their own way, at their own time."

On the other hand, Sen. Jacob K. Javits, second most senior Republican on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, thinks Congress probably will agree to the additional \$300 million. This is largely because two years ago, when U.S. military forces left South Vietnam, the U.S. gave Saigon a major commitment to aid it for three years. This is the beginning of the third year.

But congressional approval will come, he indicates, only if Congress is satisfied that the South Vietnamese Government has a good chance to *Please turn to Page 4

'No smoking' laws spreading Best-known tenants

By a staff correspondent of By Peter C. Stuart Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington Tough ''no smoking' laws are clearing the air for nonsmokers in a growing number of U.S. cities and The laws, which outlaw smoking in

across U.S.

What every high official in Wash-

ington hoped would go away — has

not. Southeast Asia is back in the

news, in a particularly difficult way

for Secretary of State Henry A.

That the North Vietnamese would

mount a winter offensive in some

form was never in doubt. Nor was

there doubt that the Communists in

neighboring Cambodia would use the

dry season for another push against

But to many a veteran of the

Southeast Asian wars the amazing

Kissinger.

Phnom Penh.

a variety of public places from elevators to public meetings, are believed to be among the most stringent ever enacted. Here in the nation's capital, the City

Council has banned smoking in elevators and larger retail stores (those with 20 or more employees or accommodations for 200 or more customers). Violators can be fined up to \$300

with a "parallel benefit to the general

Similar "no smoking" measures

The states, too, are increasingly

 Arizona and Nebraska have museums, and hospitals.

> ★Please turn to Page 2 January 10, 1975

Tourists still love to gape at the Watergate

elers coming to town for the first time

since the Watergate break-in," a

Tourists are sophisticated. They

don't ask "too much about the break-

in itself, as it has been pretty well

in the people who lived there."

publicized." "There's more interest

During the early years of the Nixon

presidency. Watergate was known

around Washington as "White House

West." a bow to its occupancy by

Martha and Attorney General John N.

Mitchell, Treasury Secretary Mau-

rice Stans, and other administration

But to tourists it did not become an

spokesman guesses.

By Gordon N. Converse, chief photographer

sound. The people continue to run

away from the Communists when

they can. They still, in both countries,

seem to be voting with their feet for

No one in Washington expects any

major Communist victories or any

anti-Communist political collapse

Yet it is also a fact that during the

past week the North Vietnamese did

successfully drive the South Vietnam-

ese out of Phuoc Binh, capital of

Phuoc Long Province. This puts them

in closer range (75 miles) of Saigon

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the non-Communist side.

during this fighting season.

are long gone

The Christian Science Monitor

Vietnamese refugee on the move from the war that will not go away

thing is not the power of the attacks,

but the fact that now, two years after

American troops left the area, the

It is easy to exaggerate the damage

to the governments in Saigon and

Phnom Penh of these offensives. The

morale in both capitals seems to be

U.S. aid limit puts Saigon in a hole

resistance is so sturdy.

More positive view

Gone are the most famous tenants: Martha Mitchell and the Democratic National Committee. Gone, too, is the noisy notoriety of incessant press

But the massive Watergate apartment/office/hotel complex on the banks of Washington's Potomac River remains as much a tourist landmark as ever, 21/2 years after bungling burglars were caught in one of its offices. The incident opened the notorious Watergate affair.

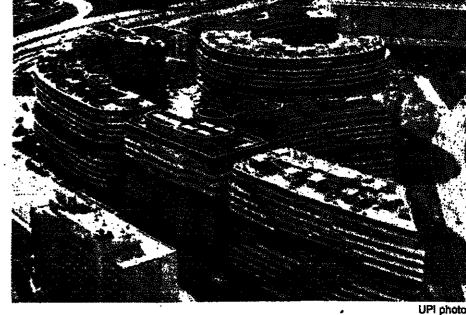
"And that's Watergate," trumpeted a Washington limousine driver this week as his packed coach zooms from National Airport to downtown Wash-

"Tourists?" echoed a nearby resident. "We see them all the time. Cars with out-of-state licenses drive slowly up to Watergate and stop. Someone usually the wife - leans out a car window and snaps a picture of Watergate. Once we saw a busload of Japanese tourists gawking at Watergate.

Noted on city tours

Diamond Bus Tours, which gives Washington tours, points out the Watergate complex on its city tours.

Diamond finds as much interest as ever among its passengers in seeing Watergate, probably because most people who take the tour "are trav-



Watergate—tourist magnet

instant focal point until the night of June 17, 1972, when unsung guard Frank Wills' suspicion about tape

Attention riveted

a President.

Suddenly, the 20th-century Watergate stood as a tourist hit alongside the moving Daniel Chester French statue of Abraham Lincoln, and the sky-skewering obelisk which memorializes George Washington.

over a door latch led to the downfall of

And even beside the White House, from whose stately appearance tourists would never guess that Abigati

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New CIA defense?

By Robert P. Hey Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

New allegations in the spreading CIA controversy ultimately may prove to have laid the groundwork for a CIA defense against accusations that it engaged in illegal domestic spying on Americans.

The new reports are that in 1970 a Justice Department official provided the CIA with names of 9,000 Americans for it to keep under surveillance abroad. This information could be used to justify the CLA's possession of files on approximately the same number of Americans.

On the other hand the new reports may prove to have cut the ground out from under a prime past justification of CIA defenders - that if the CIA engaged in domestic surveillance it was because J. Edgar Hoover in his later years as FBI director would not let the FBI cooperate with the CIA. Therefore, this reasoning goes, the

CIA had to watch some dissident Americans at home, in violation of its charter.

Probe scheduled

The ultimate interpretation will depend on evidence brought out in hearings by the presidential commission which will begin investigating the issue on Monday, and by the three congressional investigations also scheduled into the subject.

The new charges come from James T. Devine, a Justice Department official who once headed the department's Interagency Domestic Intelligence Unit.

He says that in 1970 he gave the CIA a list of approximately 9,000 names of Americans the department considered dissidents, so that the CIA could keep them under surveillance overseas. Mr. Devine says these names were provided by the FRI: He said he gave them to the CIA at the suggestion of Jerris Leonard, then an assistant attorney general.

Ford may soon get strip-mining bill back

By Peter C. Stuart Staff correspondent of

The Christian Science Monitor

Washington Controversial legislation to regulate strip mining, pocket-vetoed by President Ford last month, is certain to be revived in the new Congress.

Congressional sources have told this newspaper of their three-step strategy:

· Introduce legislation early. The bill is expected to be one of the first in the hopper when Congress opens Tuesday, Jan. 14.

· Line up wide support. An early weather-vane will be whether sponsors succeed in getting the support of more than a half of the 91 new members of the House of Representatives, plus 100 carry-over members.

 Short-cut the legislative process. Congressional leaders may decide to hold a token one day of hearings on the same measure passed last year, then re-enact it "and see what hap-

Proponents of strip-mining controls face the choice of starting the long

Australian urges

fair pay for maids

By the Associated Press

Foreign Minister Donald

Willesee is asking all diplo-

matic missions in Austra-

lia to pay local wage scales.

to their household help and

comply with regulations on

Mr. Willesee said he

made the appeal after

learning that a Filipino

maid was being paid only

\$28 for a 70-hour week at

the British Consulate Gen-

working conditions.

Canberra

legislative process afresh or picking up where they left off at session's end.

"The general feeling is that the basic thrust and content [of the legislation] is good and reasonable," says an aide. "The balances struck last year are still good."

Environmental groups, which mustered only lukewarm support for the compromised final form of last year's bill, are expected to try to strengthen a revived bill on the floor of the House and Senate.

to get the lingering controversy settied swiftly. Says one source: "Many members want this resolved in the next two months or so."

The legislation adopted by Congress

There is impatience on Capitol Hill

in December required states to draw up programs regulating strip mining according to minimum environmental standards, including reclaiming strip-mined land in its original contours unless a better use could be

Guidelines established

Land already stripped and abandoned also would have been ordered reclaimed. Land unable to be reclaimed would have been declared unsuitable for strip mining. Protections were provided for the rights of owners of land atop federally owned coal.

The bill, the product of four years of often-bitter negotiating and maneu-

vering, was opposed by the coal industry.

It was alternately criticized as "uncompromising environmental extremism" and for "protecting the

profits of the energy giants." But the legislation unites, as managers in their respective houses, two competing contenders for the Democratic nomination for the presidency in 1976, Sen. Henry M. Jackson of Washington and Rep. Morris K. Udan of Arizona.

President Ford pocket-vetoed the bill Dec. 30. His Federal Energy Administrator, Frank G. Zarb, has said the "principal problem" with the measure was "its adverse impact on coal production."

Southern Africa frictions heat up

By Henry S. Hayward Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Nairobi, Kenya

The "crunch" point now has been reached on the future of southern Africa, according to British Foreign Minister and Commonwealth Secretary James Callaghan.

Visiting Kenya as part of a sevennation tour of African nations, Mr. Callaghan described the Rhodesian situation as serious. He cited a need for five agreements already reached between Rhodesian white minority leader Ian Smith and black Rhodesian nationalists to be carried out.

These are: • Release of all political detainees.

 Resumption of full political activity in Rhodesia. Beginning of preparatory talks

between the Smith government and black African leaders. Cessation of violence or guerrilla

And withdrawal of troops from

The British minister's talks with African chiefs of state are generally regarded as preparation for a future constitutional conference in the breaksway state of Rhodesia. The date and venue of this meeting are not yet fixed.

During his Nairobi press conference, he mentioned a need to coordinate British and African policies and said that the two now are converging. He also referred to the "flurry of diplomatic activity" now taking place on southern Africa.

If the two sides honor their present agreements, he indicated, then there could be a solution. But if things go wrong, he warned, then Africa would face an increasing armed struggle.

Pointing out that "the lid has been pried open for a new stage," Mr. Callaghan urged the Rhodesian contenders to rebuild confidence step by

Likening a Rhodesian settlement to a mile race, he said the first lap has been run but three more laps remain that will test the stamina of the contenders.

the British minister refused to point a finger at anyone at this stage but said the agreements need to be carried out so that South African police forces will withdraw.

Asked if he was concerned about

Mr. Smith's not honoring his pledges,

*'No smoking' signs go up

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• Connecticut has outlawed the practice at all public meetings throughout the state.

· Oregon has made it illegal to smoke at public meetings of state bodies. Nationally, a new push is expected

when the new Congress convenes next week to boost federal taxes on cigarettes to retard smoking. Rep. Edward I. Koch (D) of New

York, advocate of a two-cent-perpack hike in taxes, says it would ''discourage cigarette smoking'' and raise nearly \$600 million a year for research into diseases linked to smok-

Such new militance among nonsmokers is traced, in part, to a growing realization that they constitute a majority. An estimated 158 million of the 210 million Americans do not smoke — more than three-quarters of the population.

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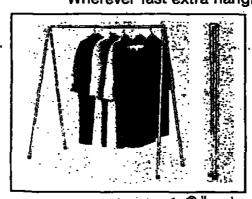
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Iran weighs Mideast peace role

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Beirut, Lebanon From the secure base of Iran's rapidly growing oil and military power, Shah Muhammad Resa Pahlevi may be seeking to stimulate new Arab-Israeli peace efforts, according to Egyptian diplomatic sources.

With the knowledge and approval of the United States he might help along a settlement-by offering to supply Israel with the approximately 6 million tons of oil a year it would lose if it handed back the Sinai oil fields to: Egypt, these sources say.

Such a compensation deal, reported to have been proposed to U.S. Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger by Iran, would have to involve Israeli pullbacks on the Syrian and Jordanian fronts as well, the sources add.

Iran already supplies nearly 50 percent of Israel's oil needs. The remainder comes from the Abu Rudels fields in the Sinai, which were occupied by Israel in the 1967 war.

Support praised

The Shah and Empress Farah arrived in Egypt Jan. 8 after a three-day visit to Jordan. At a Cairo banquet welcoming the Iranian royal couple, President Sadat praised Iranian support for the Arabs. He referred to a statement issued after the Shah's visit to Amman, rejecting Israeli changes in the status of East Jerusalem and advocating recovery of occupied Arab land and the "legitimate rights of the Palestinian people."

(In an interview preceding the Cairo visit, however, the Shah told the Cairo newspaper Al Ahram he was misquoted by a reporter of the Beirut magazine Al Hawadess, who reported he promised that any new Arab-Israel war would be "our war.")

President Sadat, who speaks fluent Persian and is much admired for this in Teheran, confirmed in two newspaper interviews published in Beirut Jan. 9 that he was trying to mediate in the conflict between Iran and Iraq, something King Hussein of Jordan has also offered to do.

Ready cash needed

Egypt needs not only the investments in new industries already promised by Iran but also ready cash. In an interview with the Beirut newspaper Al Anwar, Mr. Sadat conceded that commodity shortages and inflation could affect Egypt's defense position. He thanked wealthy Arab oil states for help received, but added, "I have not received enough liquid cash, which is essential in this stage to

ensure all our requirements. "We have agreed on certain projects which will not yield a revenue for years. But what is the solution to the present problem of liquidity?"

The Shah's most spectacular gift to Egypt during his visit was a fleet of 1,000 brand-new Mercedes buses for Cairo's overloaded city transport system, one of the causes of riots in the city on New Year's Day.

Airlines vote to extend current Atlantic air rates

By the Associated Press

Airlines operating scheduled flights across the North Atlantic have decided in a mail vote to extend current winter fares until March 31, the International Air Transport Associ-

Oil spill revives Indonesian call for ship detour

By Eduardo Lachica Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Tokyo Some limitations on international shipping, in the Malacca Strait are likely to be sought by the coastal nations as a result of the oil spill involving the Japanese supertanker

Showa Maru on Jan. 6. Diplomatic sources here expect Indonesia to revive its proposal for diverting tankers weighing over 200,000 tons to the Lombok Strait off eastern Java. This detour will cost three extra days and 7 to 8 percent more in charges for shipments bound

Two other countries, Malaysia and Singapore, are prepared to join Indonesia in building up a case for charging some kind of "pollutionprevention" fees for tankers using

for Japan.

Japan will be hit hardest by these impositions. More than 80 percent of oil shipments and half the vessels passing through the strait are destined for this country.

No immediate sanctions, however, are likely to be made. The question of jurisdiction over international straits - there are 114 of them on the map is still to be resolved by the Conference on the Law of the Seas reopening

in Geneva next March. The passageway is also used by units of the United States and Soviet fleets, but coastal nation authorities do not see that as a major problem provided their passage does not pose a security threat.

Indonesia has been the most active of the nations bordering on the strait in asking the maritime powers to share in the cost of improving navvigational safety and protecting marine resources.

Claim noted

According to one of its officials here, some of its richest fishing grounds off Sumatra Island have been virtually destroyed by oil and waste discharges from ships.

gets business from bunkering, provisioning, and minor repairs of tankers, takes a somewhat more moderate position. In a joint communique issued in 1971, it simply took note of a claim by Indonesia and Malaysia that the strait falls within their territorial

The Showa Maru incident may jolt the three countries into arriving more quickly at a common stand.

Japan, aware that its oil lifeline is most vulnerable along this narrow and inadequately charted sealane, has done more than any other shipping power to make navigation safer here. It has spent about \$8 million for a hydrographic survey, some dredging, and the donation of tugboats and navigational beacons.

The work was not completed because the coastal states balked at having their waters closely investigated by another nation.

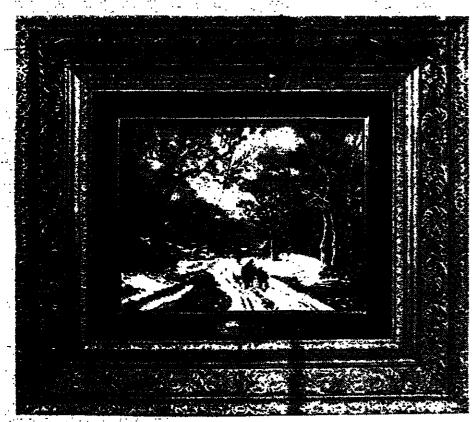
Nervous about the possible reper-

Singapore, an entrepot nation that cussions of the accident, the Japanese Government rushed a transport ministry official to Singapore to oversee the salvage and clean-up. He is expected to call on Indonesian and Malaysian authorities to determine what other measures are to be taken.

> The Indonesian Government was the first to ask for compensation for damage caused by the spilling of some 18,000 barrels of oil from the damaged hull of the tanker. There should be no trouble paying for this, because the tanker was insured for \$30 million against such a contin-

The Malacca Strait Council, an organization of Japanese shippers and oil importers, now is working closely with the coastal states in determining new regulations for strait traffic. These may include the designation of one-way routes and limitations in the number of tankers navigating the strait at any given

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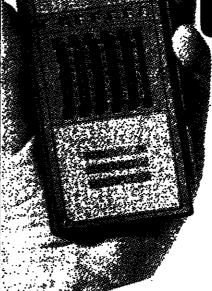
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Ford lauds Richardson in nomination statement

Washington President Ford formally announced "with special pleasure" Thursday that he is nominating Elliot L. Richardson to be ambassador to Great Britain.

in an unusual personal statement



Elliot Richardson

public service, Mr. Ford took indirect note of Richardson's 1973 decision to resign as attorney general rather than carry out an order from former President Richard M. Nixon that he fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox. Presidents rarely issue special statements when announcing their choices for ambassadorships.

No Soviet response to Sadat's charges

Moscow

So far the Soviet leaders and press have not responded to or even acknowledged Egyptian President Sadat's charge that Moscow has been holding back on replacing Egyptian military equipment lost in the 1973 war. writes Monitor correspondent Elizabeth

Similarly, there has been no Soviet comment on Mr. Sadat's statement that Egyptian-Soviet relations cannot be improved until the next summit.

Far from indicating differences, in fact, the Soviet press is continuing to stress triendly relations between the two countries.

Saudi Arabia buys U.S. jet fighter planes

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, announced Thursday it has concluded a \$756 million deal to buy "several squadrons" of American jet fighter planes "to consolidate the kingdom's ability to defend its territory."

The announcement made by the Saudi state radio did not give the exact number of planes involved, but it said they included the Northrop F-5E Tiger jet, a single-seat fighter built primarily for export. A squadron is defined as larger than a flight, which usually consists of at least four planes.

There was no way to determine whether Saudi Arabia would give the new planes to Egypt, its closest ally in the Arab world. But Saudi officials made frequent statements last month that the United States had agreed to sell arms to Saudi Arabia "without any strings that may hamper the kingdom's freedom to use the weapons as it deems fit."

Sirica 'within rights' in freeing three men

Washington Legal experts agree that Judge John J. Sirica's decision to reduce the sentences of John Dean, Jeb Magruder, and Herbert Kalmbach to time already served was quite within the judge's legal rights, writes Lucia Mouat, Monitor correspondent.

"It's extremely unusual but it's legal," notes one attorney. "It's the equivalent of a pardon power - what it does is to take away the parole board's function.

In any case, to hear James J. Blerbower, one of Mr. Magruder's lawyers tell it, it all came about in somewhat routine fashion, and the special surprise was that it was

reduced to time already served. According to federal rules of criminal procedure, lawyers may file a request

for early release within four months after a client is sentenced.

You usually go in fairly close to the last day," recalls Mr. Bierbower. "We did and we knew that Sirica wouldn't even look at the motion until after the big trial was over."

Mr. Magruder's attorney says he was surprised that the judge dealt with the requests as soon as and in the way that

"It was a real Christmas present to reduce the time to that already served," he notes. "He could have said it would take effect in another month or two. . . . It shows some understanding and compassion for him just to come out and say, 'Boom, you're all through.'

Boston school closed after fighting occurs

Efforts to integrate Boston public schools took another setback Thursday when fighting broke out in the hallways of Hyde Park High, forcing school officials to close the school.

Police said 13 pupils, most of them black, were arrested and charged the majority with disorderly conduct. There are about 400 whites and 400 blacks at Hyde Park, which has been the scene of other racial disturbances since school-integration efforts started

Navy task force is on schedule - but to where?

Washington A six-ship U.S. Navy task force led by

the nuclear-powered carrier Enterprise is expected to reach the Indian Ocean in a few days.

The Defense Department and Navy refused again Thursday to discuss the destination of the task force, which left Subic Bay in the Philippines Monday night, Washington time. The Defense Department has denied reports that the Enterprise would enter or approach South Vietnamese waters en route from Subic Bay.

Pentagon sources said the carrier group is likely to enter the Strait of Malacca late Friday, with possibly two days needed to pass through that strait. They said the task force is on course and on schedule and that no changes have been ordered.

Richard Tucker 'remained a star'

Boston Richard Tucker, who passed on Wednesday in Kalamazoo, Mich., prior to a joint recital with baritone Robert Merrill, was to have celebrated the 30th anniversary of his Metropolitan Opera debut Jan. 25.

He began as a star at the Met - Ezio in Ponchielli's "La Gioconda" - and remained one. His voice was one of the most intrinsically beautiful instruments of this or any generation, writes Thor B. Eckert Jr., Monitor critic.

Mr. Tucker's greatest roles were those associated with the legendary Enrico Caruso, whom he so deeply admired: among others, Canio in ' Pagliacci," Rhadames in "Aida," Rodolfo in "La Boheme," and Eleazar in Halevy's "La Juive." Mr. Tucker had always hoped the Met might revive the last-mentioned work, generally considered Caruso's finest role. Revivals were staged for him in New Orleans and, just a few months ago, in Barcelona.

His wife, sister of the noted tenor Jan Peerce, steered him into opera in the early '40 s. And, whereas many tenors find their voices decline in their later years, Richard Tucker defied time with his well-preserved voice. It would not be unreasonable to say that he was still at the height of his powers as a singer and artist. His career, while built at the Met, also included such celebrated opera houses as London's Covent Garden, Milan's La Scala, and Buenos Aires's Teatro Colon.

Young Czech woman is newest tennis star

Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, the newest sensation in women's tennis, continued to amaze here Wednesday night, as she easily defeated fifth-seeded Nancy Richey Gunter of Lake Livingston, Texas, in

the second round of the \$75,000 Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament. With a crowd of 3,200 persons



Martina Navratilova

hander easily defeated the favored Texan, 6-3, 6-2. It was Miss Navratilova's second upset victory in a row. The night before she defeated fourth-seeded Rosemary Casais of San Francisco, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6, in a contest that many hailed as the best tennis match ever played in this area.

As a result of her victory, the young Czech will face top-seeded Chris Evert of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in one of Friday night's semifinal matches.

Borg doubts he'll play with U.S. tennis team

Swedish teen-age tennis star Bjorn Borg said Thursday he probably would never play for the American World Team Tennis (WTT) league.

Speaking to members of the foreign press here, Mr. Borg, who now lives in Monaco with his parents, predicted WTT would last only another two years.

Mr. Borg, who won both the French and Italian open championships last year, said he ranks himself fourth top player in the world behind American Jimmy Connors, Argentinian Guillermo Vilas, and Australian John Newcombe.

Push for tax cut

A tax cut principally for low and middle-income persons will be pushed to a House vote, if possible by early March, Rep Al Uliman, the Oregon Democrat and chairman-designate of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Thursday in Washington.

U.S. postal shake-up

Benjamin F. Bailar has been named in Washington to succeed Elmer T. Klassen, who is resigning as postmaster general. A congressional investigation concluded last month that the Postal Service had circumvented regulations and encouraged favoritism, inefficiency, and waste.

Hijacking arrest

Saeed Madjd, described as an Iranian of no fixed abode, was charged in a London court Thursday with the abortive hijacking of a British airliner late Tuesday. Pliots and airline officials criticized police for apparent willingness to sacrifice lives of crewmen aboard the plane in their eagerness to capture the hijacker.

Women ministers' bid At a Nashville, Tenn. conference on

ordained women in the Methodist Church, more than 150 Methodist women ministers have signed a petition asking that 11 ordained Episcopal women recently stripped of their ministerial duties be invited to join the United Methodist Church.

Gas cuts probed

The Federal Power Commission has launched a probe of massive naturalgas cutbacks to industrial users by the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, a pipeline operating in states from Texas to New York.

Scott prods N.H.

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott has thrown his support behind those calling for a new election to settle the dispute over a New Hampshire Senate seat. "To dispel any doubts, the Senate should declare a vacancy and ask the State of New Hampshire to call a new election," he said in a Washington statement.

*U.S. aid limit puts Saigon in a hole

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It follows a substantial communist success since early December in the rice-growing delta region which they now seem largely to control. And it follows by a week the launching of a new offensive in Cambodia against Phnom Penh with substantial initial

Making military headway

In other words, the Communists in Southeast Asia are continuing the military pressure on the governments to which the United States has long been committed and they have the military capacity to make headway against Washington's clients.

There is no evidence of any intention by the Communists to launch another major offensive of the Tet variety. This is attrition warfare. It is pressure which wears down the defense because those on the offensive seem to have more effective military power at their disposal.

Phuoc Binh could not be saved because President Thieu no longer has sufficient reserves. All his forces are committed. Had he sent enough reinforcements to save Phuoc Binh he risked losing something else of equal or greater military importance.

Long-term effect

The disturbing thing to Washington is the long term implication behind the communist initiative. That initiative is possible because Russians and Chinese are giving North Vietnam more in the way of military aid than Congress will at present allow the Ford administration to give to Salgon.

President Ford asked for \$1.4 billion of military aid for this year. Congress cut that roughly in half. Combined Chinese and Russian military aid to the North Vietnamese is estimated at \$1.2 billion.

In other words, when Moscow and Peking noticed the limits placed by Congress on American military support for Saigon, they provided considerably more - in fact, nearly twice as much. And the Communists usually manage to get more mileage out of their weapons.

Controlling the outcome

This could well mean that Moscow and Peking can control the eventual outcome by sending just a little more aid to their clients than Washington is willing to send — just enough more to make it possible for the North Viet-

namese to maintain the offensive. And this in turn could mean a military client of Washington going under for the first time since the "cold

war'' really got under way. Can the United States afford to let-

events in Vietnam drift in that direction, as they seem now to be drifting? If one American client goes under, will others lose confidence in the will

Covington, Ky., last June 15.

of Washington to support them? The other side of that coin, of course, is the fact that sooner or later the fate of South Vietnam will be determined by the will of its own people. But will they have a fair

chance if Washington provides them with fewer guns and bullets than their enemies are getting from Peking and Moscow?

letting Phuoc Binh go without spending dangerously of his arms and forces. But buying time is a strategy which works only for the side which can best use the time.

*Israel: the high cost of survival

Freak stamp in a \$10 album

The owners of a stamp collectors shop here say an old stamp album

that they bought for \$10 contained a freak English stamp for which they

They say they have been told they probably can realize \$5 million in

The partners in the Olde Times Stamp and Coin Shop - Michael Mid-

dieton, Ronald Riggs, and Bob Wildman - say the stamp has been certified by the American and the Royal Philatelic Foundations as a 4 pence

It has a brown border and green center on which there was supposed

The rarity was in an album purchased for \$10 at a general auction in

After its authenticity was verified, the new owners started receiving

unsolicited offers of purchase - including one for \$1.5 million and

already have refused offers of as much as \$1.7 million.

English stamp of general issue between 1887 and 1892.

to be a portrait of Queen Victoria - but the portrait is missing.

two years by exhibiting it to the public.

another for \$1.7 million - Mr. Wildman sald.

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sequences at home of the November devaluation of the Israeli nound was to show the United States that Israelis were willing to do something to help themselves.

Immediately after the war of 1973, the United States allocated Israel \$2.2 billion in emergency aid. Of this total. \$1.5 billion is an outright grant that does not have to be paid back. For the next two to three years. Israel is counting on a further \$1.5 billion; and (an Israeli Finance Ministry official said) then President Richard M. Nixon tacitly agreed that this would be forthcoming when he visited Israel last summer.

The foreign-aid bill signed by President Ford Dec. 30 included an item of \$625 million for further economic and military aid to Israel. Of this, \$300 million is earmarked for military credits, one-third of which will not have to be paid back.

A target has not yet been set for this year's private aid from abroad -Israel bonds and the United Jewish Appeal - most of which comes from the United States. Last year's total target of nearly \$2 billion was met in pledges, but economic pressures on those making pledges have resulted in the current inflow of cash being up to \$500 million short of expectations.

Impressive consequences

The consequences of devaluation and other economic pressures on the average Israeli cannot fail to impress an outsider. A Finance Ministry official said devaluation was expected to put a 20 percent price increase on top of the 23 percent price increase resulting during 1974 from inflation.

Sugar has already tripled in price, bread is up 70 percent, milk 60 percent, butter 66 percent, eggs 50 percent, and electricity 60 percent. Gasoline has doubled in price from \$1.05 to \$2.10 a gallon.

The consequences are barsh for less well-to-do Israelis. But the government is compensating them psychologically and materially by such measures as higher taxes - affecting the better off — on foreign travel and certain imports, even a ban on some luxury imports, and by promising compensation through children's, old-

age, and social-welfare allowances. Even then, according to Finance Minister Rabinowitz, the average standard of living - as expressed in the level of consumption per capita is likely to fall by about 5 percent this

Yet one has only to see dockworkers in the spanking-new port of Ashod among those who initially protested against the consequences of devaluation - working round the clock under searchlights to load this year's citrus crop, to realize that there is a will to accept the burdens after all, if they are needed to ensure that Israel shall

One of a series. Next: Political revolution at the top in Israel.

★ South Vietnam braces for attacks Continued from Page 1

also one of the least populous of the South's more than 40 provinces.

Taking four district towns and a province capital was not as much of an accomplishment in Phuoc Long as it would have been in many other provinces.

Nevertheless, in the process of gaining effective control of the entire province, the Communist attackers also achieved the following: • They grabbed another segment

of an important road (Route 14) which fits neatly with an already formidable network of roads which they have developed inside South Vietnam since the cease-fire. • They did significant damage to the already sagging morale of many government troops by demonstrating

(There is no panic in Salgon, but there is apprehension.) • They apparently inflicted significant losses on a highly trained unit of special air-borne rangers. Among the best troops Saigon can field, these were the reinforcements who were sent into the battle without adequate

what they can do when they hit hard.

*KGB tightens grip

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Mr. Gromyko's letter was initially handed to Dr. Kissinger in Moscow on Oct. 26 toward the end of the latter's iiks with secretary-Ge I. Brezhnev at that time.

Mr. Brezhnev is reported to have expressed anger about a reference to Soviet assurances in the earlier correspondence between Dr. Kissinger and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D) of Washington designed to ease the passing of the controversial trade bill which secured most-favored-nation treat-

ment for the U.S.S.R. Before leaving Moscow, Dr. Kissinger was able to soft-pedal the issue which was not mentioned in the lengthy communique from the Nov. 23-24 Vladivostok summit meeting

with President Ford. That the Soviets should have waited nearly two months - from Oct. 26 to Dec. 18 - before publishing Mr. Gromyko's letter, and then playing it up for a whole week and even threatening to withdraw certain concessions which they had made to the United States in the 1972 trade agreement. shows how much the Soviet position

has hardened in the last two months. Although the circumstances of Mr. Brezhnev's "postponed" Middle East journey are not fully known, the same hardening seems to have occurred in Moscow's Middle East policy.

The Kremlin's line has hardened inside the Soviet bloc as well. The KGB, which until 1955 had the state security services of the East European countries firmly under its thumb, once again is reaching beyond the borders of the U.S.S.R. In East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Poland, cultural policy has been tightened in the last few months. Bulgaria's secret police in September kidnapped the Bulgarian Social Democratic leader, Borls A. Ilieff, who was in exile in Copenhagen, in a revival of prewar secret-police meth-

In November, Mr. Andropov himself visited Sofia for the purpose of taking Bulgaria's secret services more tightly in hand. Romania, Russia's most refractory East European ally, has been visited by several Soviet military and security delegations in recent months.

Inside the Soviet Union, too, the KGB and the MVD have tightened the screws. (The KGB handles mainly secret police activities while the MVD is in charge of the municipal police as well as frontier troops).
Noted civil-rights champion Prof.

Andrei D. Sakharov and all recent arrivals from the Soviet Union have reported a sharpening of repression. The idea is not so much to blatantly crush out the underground press,

church, and national independence movements, but to use refined methods of "enlightenment," propaganda, and corruption in line with the new social and psychological situation.

Development of such methods is the purpose of an academy for the training of MVD and KGB operatives and teachers which was opened in September under the sponsorship of the highest officials. The academy's faculty includes the deputy ministers of the interior of all Soviet republics.

Another development indicating the higher standing of Mr. Andropov was the establishment on Oct. 28 of a new award — the Order for Services of the Homeland in the U.S.S.R.'s Armed Forces - which specifically provides for the KGB and MVD. Holders of this order are entitled "to priority in housing, to a free round-trip journey first class anywhere in the country once a year, free use of all urban transportation within their district, and head-of-queue treatment in shops, places of entertainment, and

cultural institutions." These privileges are similar to those given to holders of the prized combat decoration, Order of Glory.

★Tourists still gape

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Adams used to hang laundry in the now-august East Room in 1800. Or that it once was renovated crudely from without by British forces in 1814, using torches; and four times carefully from within by craftsmen, with presidential approval.

Monuments like these - Washington's "old reliables" - will be visited as long as there are tourists. But Watergate, someday, will sink into merciful anonymity.

Not yet, though: "I would think there is still a tremendous amount of interest," says a spokesman for the Watergate complex. "Tourists come in and they look at the building. You see people taking photographs from outside. We have seen people having their pictures taken standing in front of buildings with the Watergate sign legible enough for a photograph.'

Nevertheless, tourist interest may have peaked. "Perhaps it's slowed down," she volunteers. But she is unsure whether such a decline, if in fact it has begun, stems from a real loss of interest or just the normal

seasonal drop in Washington tourism. But a better idea will come in May, when the city's tourists — like its magnolia and dogwood - once again are in full bloom.

*Congress cool to Thieu aid

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survive if it receives aid, and that the Thieu government has taken steps toward increased democracy.

No confirmation

Thus far the Ford administration has refused to confirm widespread reports that it is seeking an additional \$300 million in military aid. At Thursday's White House briefing, presidential press secretary Ron Nessen did say the President is giving "intensive consideration" to additional aid for South Vietnam.

He added that the President believes current levels of U.S. military aid to both South Vietnam and Cambodia are inadequate.

Long an opponent of past U.S. military action in Indo-China, Senator Mansfield refuses to say whether he would lead the Senate fight to oppose' additional aid, saying only in his understated way that "I would react

negatively" to the expected proposal. Senator Mansfield rejects what is expected to be the Ford adminis tration's major argument when it makes the requests: that the U.S. has spent so much money in South Viet: nam it now should provide this comparatively little more to enable the South Vietnamese to repel North Vietnam, now in sizable military

offensive. Too much already

He says impatiently: "We've al ready paid too high a price. . . . We'l be paying for this war to about the year 2045, with a total cost of about \$365 billion.

These estimated figures come fron a 1972 report by the Department c Commerce and Census Bureau, b. says. They include such long-rang costs as Veterans' hospitals, retire ment benefits to Vietnam-ERA seg vicemen and women, and disabilit costs for wounded Vietnam veterans It is widely reported here that tru Ford administration decided to see the additional \$300 million on Tue day, following the fall of South Vietn. mese provincial capital Phuoc Bir and a warning from U.S. Ambassade Graham Martin that South Vietna urgently needs more ammunition prevent military catastrophe.

But it is in the full Senate and ful House that the proposal will face i stiffest tests. There is doubt ther whether in a time of serious domest 🥫 economic difficulties Congress we agree to send additional money South Vietnam.





The softer face of winter

Clear skies and a fresh snowfall at Mt. Revelstoke National Park in British Columbia.

Uncertainty palls British new year

Political turmoil and economic troubles generate speculation about 1975 prospects

By Richard Burt Special to The Christian Science Monitor

London Britain has welcomed in the new year with an overwhelming mood of uncertainty.

Commentators, speculating over what 1975 will hold in store for the nation, have been unable to come to any clear consensus over whether Harold Wilson's Labour government will be able to hold on to power or whether Britain will remain a mem-

ber of the European Common Market. These are probably the two most important issues on the British political horizon. But no one is willing to offer a confident prediction of the nation's course over the next several months. In part this uncertainty stems from the wild political gyrations of 1974, which led to two national elections in a space of nine months.

Continued inflation

It also stems from the battered state of Britain's economy. The high probability that inflation and unemployment will continue to rise and the standard of living will start to decline is just about the only thing that the experts can agree on. Mr. Wilson's bid to continue as

Prime Minister is based on the premise to hold inflation and unemployment down with his "social contract" with the labor unions. Under the scheme, the unions promise to hold down wage claims in return for social

So far, the "social contract" seems to have worked. But officials fear that if one major union puts forward an exorbitant pay claim, other unions

will be forced to follow suit. Under this situation, it is predicted that Mr. Wilson would then face the difficult decision of either stimulating further inflation by meeting the wage demands or taking the almost politically impossible step for a Labour government — instituting wage controls.

Rebellion in ranks

A possibly more serious problem facing Mr. Wilson, however, is the growing rebellion within the ranks of his own party. After minor disagreements with the Labour Cabinet's policy toward Chile and South Africa last year, 50 left-wing Labour members of the House of Commons in December ignored party instructions and voted against the government's defense bill.

This produced the curious situation of the government's depending on Conservative Party support to get its legislation passed observers, this may become an increasingly common occurrence, which would bolster the case for moderates of both parties forming an all-party "national" government to see Britain through the difficult pe-

Concept endorsed

The leaders of the Liberal Party. Jeremy Thorpe, and the Conservatives, former Prime Minister Edward Heath, have already endorsed the concept. On New Year's Eve, Mr. Heath said that a center coalition, drawing on progressive members of his own party and Liberal and Labour moderates had the best chance of maintaining economic and political stability in 1975.

Until now, Mr. Wilson has ignored

the call for a national government. arguing that Labour's victory last October has given the party the mandate to rule. However, some commentators suggested this week that the growing division in the party may force Labour moderates into a coalition with Conservatives.

Most likely issue

The issue most likely to split the party wide open is Mr. Wilson's promised national referendum on Common Market membership. After his recent talks with French President Giscard d'Estaing, it is clear that Mr. Wilson and his Foreign Secretary, James Callaghan, favor keeping Britain in the Economic Community.

Thus, it is widely predicted that the referendum will be scheduled as soon as possible, before Labour's left-wing can effectively organize major opposition. Perhaps anticipating a quick call for a referendum, prominant Labour Party critic of Common Market ties. Industry Minister Anthony Wedgwood Benn, last week delivered an impassioned plea for Britain's removal from the community.

Coalition leader

Mr. Benn's indirect attack on Mr. Wilson has reinforced the belief of many observers that the Common Market issue could, by bringing down the present Labour government, pave the way for a national government. If this occurs, neither Mr. Wilson nor Mr. Heath are seen as its likely leaders, and, at present, Mr. Callaghan is said to be the most acceptable figure to moderate in both the major parties. William Whitelaw, the former Conservative government minister for Northern Ireland, is also mentioned as a possible leader.

Das Urteil im Watergate-Verfahren

Mit den vor kurzem ergangenen Urteilen hat die Watergate-Saga ein jetzt fast unbedeutendes Ende gefunden. Aber die Schuldsprüche in dem Vertuschungsverfahren zeigen klipp und klar das ganze Ausmaß der strafbaren Handlungen in höchsten Regierungsstellen und die Stärke des Rechtssystems, das die Schuldigen zur Rechenschaft gezogen hat.

Das Recht nimmt seinen Lauf, und die Amerikaner können auf diese qualvollen Monate und Jahre mit Stolz auf ihre demokratischen Einrichtungen zurückblicken. Diese Institutionen haben entschieden, daß, ungeachtet der Begnadigung Richard Nixons, niemand über dem Gesetz steht und daß kein Mißbrauch der verfassungsmäßigen Regierungsgewalt geduldet wird.

Wenn auch der Gerechtigkeit Genüge getan worden ist, so sind doch die Schuldsprüche kein Grund zu Genugtuung und Überheblichkeit. Es ist traurig, daß Männer, die in so hohe einflußreiche Positionen mit so vielen Möglichkeiten, Gutes zu tun, gelangt sind, sich dazu verleiten ließen, einen Weg des Betrugs, der Unehrlichkeit und des Mißbrauchs öffentlichen Vertrauens einzuschlagen. Es ist zu hoffen, daß sie mit sich selbst ins Reine kommen werden.

Ferner ist zu hoffen, daß sie und ihre Familien ihr zerrüttetes Leben neu aufbauen können. Niemand, der beobachtet hat, was die Ehefrauen, Töchter und Söhne der Angeklagten im Gerichtssaal durchgemacht haben, kann umhin, für sie Mitgefühl zu empfinden.

Der vielleicht bemerkenswerteste Aspekt des Verfahrens ist das Beweismaterial in Form von Tonbändern — ein Beweismaterial, das einer der Geschworenen als einen Hauptfaktor in dem Urteil bezeichnete. Worte aus dem Weißen Haus waren es, die so unbestreitbar die Tatsache und die Natur des Komplotts zur Verschleierung und die Verschleierung selbst enthüllten.

Was an Watergate erstaunlich bleibt, ist, daß Präsident Nixon die Tonbänder nicht vernichtete, die ihn

und die mächtigen Männer um ihn her schließlich zu Fall brachten. Es erwies sich als ein Schutz für das Land, daß er es nicht getan hat. So ist der größte Skandal in der amerikanischen Geschichte gepaart mit dem überzeugendsten Beweismate-

Die Öffentlichkeit sollte angehalten werden, sich ein geschärftes Auge für das; was in der Regierung vor sich geht, zu bewahren. Der Preis für eine moralische und rechenschaftspflichtige Führerschaft ist fortwährende Wachsamkeit, und die Amerikaner dürfen niemals müde werden in ihrer Forderung nach gründlicher Überprüfung der Männer und Behörden, die das Land re-

Das ist die Lehre aus der Watergate-Affäre.

Le verdict du Watergate

Avec les toutes récentes condamnations prononcées, l'affaire célèbre du Watergate semble être presque retombée dans la banalité. Mais les verdicts rendus dans ce procès en dissimulation rappellent sobrement l'importance des délits commis dans les plus hautes sphères gouvernementales et la solidité du système judiciaire qui a déclaré coupables les prévenus.

La loi suit son cours et le peuple américain peut jeter un coup d'œil en arrière sur ces mois et années d'angoisse, fiers de leurs institutions démocratiques. Le verdict de ces institutions est que, malgré le pardon accordé à Richard Nixon, personne n'est au-dessus de la loi et qu'aucun abus desi pouvoirs constitutionnels du leadership ne sera toléré.

Bien que la justice ait été rendue, les verdicts de culpabilité rendus dans ce iugement ne recèlent aucune satisfaction ou esprit de suffisance. C'est attristant que des hommes qui atteignirent de si hautes positions d'influence et de potentiel pour le bien se soient laissés aller à suivre une ligne de conduite faite de tromperie et de malhonnêteté et à abuser de la confiance publique. Nous espérons qu'ils pourront retrouver la paix en eux-mêmes.

Nous espérons également que tant eux que leurs familles pourront refaire leur vie brisée. Personne parmi

ceux qui ont suivi en tribunal l'épreuve des femmes, filles et fils des défendeurs ne pourra manquer de ressentir de la compassion pour eux.

La bande enregistrée donnée comme preuve représente peut-être l'aspect le plus digne d'intérêt du jugement — preuve qu'un juré a désignée comme facteur clef du verdict. Ce sont les paroles elles-mêmes de la Maison Blanche qui ont révélé d'une manière irréfutable les faits et la nature de la conspiration en vue d'entraver la justice et l'entrave à cette dernière.

Un fait qui reste surprenant dans cette affaire du Watergate, c'est que le président Nixon n'ait pas détruit les bandes qui amenèrent finalement sa propre chute et celle des personnages puissants qui l'entouraient. Cela finit par être une protection pour le pays qu'il ne le fit pas. Ainsi le pire des scandales de l'histoire américaine et la preuve la plus convaincante se trouvèrent jumelés.

Il faut encourager les gens à rester toujours conscients de ce qui se passe au gouvernement. Le prix du leadership sur lequel on puisse moralement compter est une vigilance sans défaillance et les Américains ne doivent jamais se lasser d'exiger que les hommes et les organisations qui les gouvernent fassent l'objet d'un examen minutieux.

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Dynamic, exciting ragtime beat returns Scott Joplin's irresistible 'The Entertainer,'

theme song of 'The Sting' movie, now a hit

By the Associated Press

New York When moviemakers dig back in time for music, the worst material always gets picked, says planist Max Morath, Just look at the "vo-de-o-do" which "represents" the '20s, this century's most creative musical decade, he says.

But Mr. Morath says there's an exception: "The Entertainer," Scott Joplin's catchy ragtime tune brought to current popularity as the theme song of the movie, "The Sting."

Mr. Morath calls "The Entertainer" irregistible and says; !'I think most of the people today who are baying ragtime records, captured by "The Eintertainer," love Joplin's melocker. He had the greatest gift of melody — you could whistle and hum hint But that's not a characteristic of

The thing that made regtime in its time was the dynamic, exciting beat. The Maple Leaf Rag, from 1899, was the biggest rag of all time. It wasn't melodic; it was extremely percussive. You can't hum it. Joplin meyer had another hit that big. "The Entertainer wasn't a hit in its own time."

Touring show producer

Mr. Morath has been producing touring shows called "The Ragtime Erz." "Turn of the Century," and "The Ragtime Years" since 1960. when he wound down a career as a radio and TV actor, writer, and announcer.

"Music labels our history more than our wars or politicians," Mr. Morath says. "This country was living a ragime life for 10 years after

"The first rag was published in

1897, and they'd probably been played

10 to 15 years prior to that. They were dead by 1917 or so, when jazz was breaking through. Most of the really good rags were written by 1915. "Ragtime meant all the popular

music; from 1905 on, just like we called our popular music jazz in the '20's, swing in the '30's, and rock in

Rags lift spirits

"The early rags were syncopated marches. It is elative music. We use marches to go to war; they're supposed to lift your spirits, and they do. 'Alexander's Ragtime Band' is a march pure and simple. A lot of Irving Berlin is, although he didn't write for plane and ragtime is plane music. He has syncopation, internal rhymes, rhyming syllables on the weak beat, the accents kept changing a characteristic of ragtime."

Mr. Morath puts on his shows in civic auditoriums, nightclubs, and colleges. In 1969 he had a long run off-Broadway. He says he spends a lot of time on Berlin; on Bert Williams, the first black writer-performer to make it as a big star; and on Finley Peter Dunne, a newspaper and magazine

satirist. Mr. Morath predicts that Mr. Dunne and the character he created, Mr. Dooley, also will enjoy a comeback.

The current ragtime revival which Mr. Morath says really is a Scott Joplin revival — he didn't predict. He's glad it has happened, though, and calls it 'legitimizing Joplin's music.

"People thought of ragtime as played in honky-tonk saloons, on tinny pianos, probably carelessly," he says. "I always found myself telling people that rag is music. It had been reduced to a gimmick, a kind of mechanical

Joplin in repertoire

"Now Joplin has joined the plane repertoire of American plano music. Planists of every persuasion, even those who give concerts of Ives and Gershwin, are doing a set including some Joplin rags."

The publisher of 'The Entertainer' tells Mr. Morath that a half-million copies of the sheet music has sold in the last year, which hasn't happened since the heyday of single sheet music in the '20's.

Mr. Morath says that bookings for his show haven't changed much since "The Sting." The differences have been that audiences know more about what he's talking about and his records are selling. The performers who took part in a Scott Joplin Festival last summer in Sedalia, Mo., where Joplin wrote "The Maple Leaf Rag," did it for expenses.

"Nobody who's performing Joplin is in competition with one another," says Mr. Morath. "It's still kind of a labor of love for everybody,"

Inside the news-briefly

FROM MONITOR CORRESPONDENTS
AROUND THE WORLD

Ford lauds Richardson in nomination statement

Washington President Ford formally announced "with special pleasure" Thursday that he is nominating Elliot L. Richardson to be ambassador to Great Britain.

in an unusual personal statement



Elliot Richardson

public service, Mr. Ford took indirect note of Richardson's 1973 decision to resign as attorney general rather than carry out an order from former President Richard M. Nixon that he fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox. Presidents rarely issue special statements when announcing their choices for ambassadorships.

No Soviet response to Sadat's charges

Moscow

So far the Soviet leaders and press have not responded to or even acknowledged Egyptian President Sadat's charge that Moscow has been holding back on replacing Egyptian military equipment lost in the 1973 war. writes Monitor correspondent Elizabeth

Similarly, there has been no Soviet comment on Mr. Sadat's statement that Egyptian-Soviet relations cannot be improved until the next summit.

Far from indicating differences, in fact, the Soviet press is continuing to stress triendly relations between the two countries.

Saudi Arabia buys U.S. jet fighter planes

Jeddah, Saudi Arabia

Saudi Arabia, the world's biggest oil exporter, announced Thursday it has concluded a \$756 million deal to buy "several squadrons" of American jet fighter planes "to consolidate the kingdom's ability to defend its territory."

The announcement made by the Saudi state radio did not give the exact number of planes involved, but it said they included the Northrop F-5E Tiger jet, a single-seat fighter built primarily for export. A squadron is defined as larger than a flight, which usually consists of at least four planes.

There was no way to determine whether Saudi Arabia would give the new planes to Egypt, its closest ally in the Arab world. But Saudi officials made frequent statements last month that the United States had agreed to sell arms to Saudi Arabia "without any strings that may hamper the kingdom's freedom to use the weapons as it deems fit."

Sirica 'within rights' in freeing three men

Washington Legal experts agree that Judge John J. Sirica's decision to reduce the sentences of John Dean, Jeb Magruder, and Herbert Kalmbach to time already served was quite within the judge's legal rights, writes Lucia Mouat, Monitor correspondent.

"It's extremely unusual but it's legal," notes one attorney. "It's the equivalent of a pardon power - what it does is to take away the parole board's function.

In any case, to hear James J. Blerbower, one of Mr. Magruder's lawyers tell it, it all came about in somewhat routine fashion, and the special surprise was that it was

reduced to time already served. According to federal rules of criminal procedure, lawyers may file a request

for early release within four months after a client is sentenced.

You usually go in fairly close to the last day," recalls Mr. Bierbower. "We did and we knew that Sirica wouldn't even look at the motion until after the big trial was over."

Mr. Magruder's attorney says he was surprised that the judge dealt with the requests as soon as and in the way that

"It was a real Christmas present to reduce the time to that already served," he notes. "He could have said it would take effect in another month or two. . . . It shows some understanding and compassion for him just to come out and say, 'Boom, you're all through.'

Boston school closed after fighting occurs

Efforts to integrate Boston public schools took another setback Thursday when fighting broke out in the hallways of Hyde Park High, forcing school officials to close the school.

Police said 13 pupils, most of them black, were arrested and charged the majority with disorderly conduct. There are about 400 whites and 400 blacks at Hyde Park, which has been the scene of other racial disturbances since school-integration efforts started

Navy task force is on schedule - but to where?

Washington A six-ship U.S. Navy task force led by

the nuclear-powered carrier Enterprise is expected to reach the Indian Ocean in a few days.

The Defense Department and Navy refused again Thursday to discuss the destination of the task force, which left Subic Bay in the Philippines Monday night, Washington time. The Defense Department has denied reports that the Enterprise would enter or approach South Vietnamese waters en route from Subic Bay.

Pentagon sources said the carrier group is likely to enter the Strait of Malacca late Friday, with possibly two days needed to pass through that strait. They said the task force is on course and on schedule and that no changes have been ordered.

Richard Tucker 'remained a star'

Boston Richard Tucker, who passed on Wednesday in Kalamazoo, Mich., prior to a joint recital with baritone Robert Merrill, was to have celebrated the 30th anniversary of his Metropolitan Opera debut Jan. 25.

He began as a star at the Met - Ezio in Ponchielli's "La Gioconda" - and remained one. His voice was one of the most intrinsically beautiful instruments of this or any generation, writes Thor B. Eckert Jr., Monitor critic.

Mr. Tucker's greatest roles were those associated with the legendary Enrico Caruso, whom he so deeply admired: among others, Canio in ' Pagliacci," Rhadames in "Aida," Rodolfo in "La Boheme," and Eleazar in Halevy's "La Juive." Mr. Tucker had always hoped the Met might revive the last-mentioned work, generally considered Caruso's finest role. Revivals were staged for him in New Orleans and, just a few months ago, in Barcelona.

His wife, sister of the noted tenor Jan Peerce, steered him into opera in the early '40 s. And, whereas many tenors find their voices decline in their later years, Richard Tucker defied time with his well-preserved voice. It would not be unreasonable to say that he was still at the height of his powers as a singer and artist. His career, while built at the Met, also included such celebrated opera houses as London's Covent Garden, Milan's La Scala, and Buenos Aires's Teatro Colon.

Young Czech woman is newest tennis star

Martina Navratilova of Czechoslovakia, the newest sensation in women's tennis, continued to amaze here Wednesday night, as she easily defeated fifth-seeded Nancy Richey Gunter of Lake Livingston, Texas, in

the second round of the \$75,000 Virginia Slims Tennis Tournament. With a crowd of 3,200 persons



Martina Navratilova

hander easily defeated the favored Texan, 6-3, 6-2. It was Miss Navratilova's second upset victory in a row. The night before she defeated fourth-seeded Rosemary Casais of San Francisco, 1-6, 7-5, 7-6, in a contest that many hailed as the best tennis match ever played in this area.

As a result of her victory, the young Czech will face top-seeded Chris Evert of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., in one of Friday night's semifinal matches.

Borg doubts he'll play with U.S. tennis team

Swedish teen-age tennis star Bjorn Borg said Thursday he probably would never play for the American World Team Tennis (WTT) league.

Speaking to members of the foreign press here, Mr. Borg, who now lives in Monaco with his parents, predicted WTT would last only another two years.

Mr. Borg, who won both the French and Italian open championships last year, said he ranks himself fourth top player in the world behind American Jimmy Connors, Argentinian Guillermo Vilas, and Australian John Newcombe.

Push for tax cut

A tax cut principally for low and middle-income persons will be pushed to a House vote, if possible by early March, Rep Al Uliman, the Oregon Democrat and chairman-designate of the House Ways and Means Committee, said Thursday in Washington.

U.S. postal shake-up

Benjamin F. Bailar has been named in Washington to succeed Elmer T. Klassen, who is resigning as postmaster general. A congressional investigation concluded last month that the Postal Service had circumvented regulations and encouraged favoritism, inefficiency, and waste.

Hijacking arrest

Saeed Madjd, described as an Iranian of no fixed abode, was charged in a London court Thursday with the abortive hijacking of a British airliner late Tuesday. Pliots and airline officials criticized police for apparent willingness to sacrifice lives of crewmen aboard the plane in their eagerness to capture the hijacker.

Women ministers' bid At a Nashville, Tenn. conference on

ordained women in the Methodist Church, more than 150 Methodist women ministers have signed a petition asking that 11 ordained Episcopal women recently stripped of their ministerial duties be invited to join the United Methodist Church.

Gas cuts probed

The Federal Power Commission has launched a probe of massive naturalgas cutbacks to industrial users by the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Company, a pipeline operating in states from Texas to New York.

Scott prods N.H.

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott has thrown his support behind those calling for a new election to settle the dispute over a New Hampshire Senate seat. "To dispel any doubts, the Senate should declare a vacancy and ask the State of New Hampshire to call a new election," he said in a Washington statement.

*U.S. aid limit puts Saigon in a hole

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It follows a substantial communist success since early December in the rice-growing delta region which they now seem largely to control. And it follows by a week the launching of a new offensive in Cambodia against Phnom Penh with substantial initial

Making military headway

In other words, the Communists in Southeast Asia are continuing the military pressure on the governments to which the United States has long been committed and they have the military capacity to make headway against Washington's clients.

There is no evidence of any intention by the Communists to launch another major offensive of the Tet variety. This is attrition warfare. It is pressure which wears down the defense because those on the offensive seem to have more effective military power at their disposal.

Phuoc Binh could not be saved because President Thieu no longer has sufficient reserves. All his forces are committed. Had he sent enough reinforcements to save Phuoc Binh he risked losing something else of equal or greater military importance.

Long-term effect

The disturbing thing to Washington is the long term implication behind the communist initiative. That initiative is possible because Russians and Chinese are giving North Vietnam more in the way of military aid than Congress will at present allow the Ford administration to give to Salgon.

President Ford asked for \$1.4 billion of military aid for this year. Congress cut that roughly in half. Combined Chinese and Russian military aid to the North Vietnamese is estimated at \$1.2 billion.

In other words, when Moscow and Peking noticed the limits placed by Congress on American military support for Saigon, they provided considerably more - in fact, nearly twice as much. And the Communists usually manage to get more mileage out of their weapons.

Controlling the outcome

This could well mean that Moscow and Peking can control the eventual outcome by sending just a little more aid to their clients than Washington is willing to send — just enough more to make it possible for the North Viet-

namese to maintain the offensive. And this in turn could mean a military client of Washington going under for the first time since the "cold

war'' really got under way. Can the United States afford to let-

events in Vietnam drift in that direction, as they seem now to be drifting? If one American client goes under, will others lose confidence in the will

Covington, Ky., last June 15.

of Washington to support them? The other side of that coin, of course, is the fact that sooner or later the fate of South Vietnam will be determined by the will of its own people. But will they have a fair

chance if Washington provides them with fewer guns and bullets than their enemies are getting from Peking and Moscow?

letting Phuoc Binh go without spending dangerously of his arms and forces. But buying time is a strategy which works only for the side which can best use the time.

*Israel: the high cost of survival

Freak stamp in a \$10 album

The owners of a stamp collectors shop here say an old stamp album

that they bought for \$10 contained a freak English stamp for which they

They say they have been told they probably can realize \$5 million in

The partners in the Olde Times Stamp and Coin Shop - Michael Mid-

dieton, Ronald Riggs, and Bob Wildman - say the stamp has been certified by the American and the Royal Philatelic Foundations as a 4 pence

It has a brown border and green center on which there was supposed

The rarity was in an album purchased for \$10 at a general auction in

After its authenticity was verified, the new owners started receiving

unsolicited offers of purchase - including one for \$1.5 million and

already have refused offers of as much as \$1.7 million.

English stamp of general issue between 1887 and 1892.

to be a portrait of Queen Victoria - but the portrait is missing.

two years by exhibiting it to the public.

another for \$1.7 million - Mr. Wildman sald.

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sequences at home of the November devaluation of the Israeli nound was to show the United States that Israelis were willing to do something to help themselves.

Immediately after the war of 1973, the United States allocated Israel \$2.2 billion in emergency aid. Of this total. \$1.5 billion is an outright grant that does not have to be paid back. For the next two to three years. Israel is counting on a further \$1.5 billion; and (an Israeli Finance Ministry official said) then President Richard M. Nixon tacitly agreed that this would be forthcoming when he visited Israel last summer.

The foreign-aid bill signed by President Ford Dec. 30 included an item of \$625 million for further economic and military aid to Israel. Of this, \$300 million is earmarked for military credits, one-third of which will not have to be paid back.

A target has not yet been set for this year's private aid from abroad -Israel bonds and the United Jewish Appeal - most of which comes from the United States. Last year's total target of nearly \$2 billion was met in pledges, but economic pressures on those making pledges have resulted in the current inflow of cash being up to \$500 million short of expectations.

Impressive consequences

The consequences of devaluation and other economic pressures on the average Israeli cannot fail to impress an outsider. A Finance Ministry official said devaluation was expected to put a 20 percent price increase on top of the 23 percent price increase resulting during 1974 from inflation.

Sugar has already tripled in price, bread is up 70 percent, milk 60 percent, butter 66 percent, eggs 50 percent, and electricity 60 percent. Gasoline has doubled in price from \$1.05 to \$2.10 a gallon.

The consequences are barsh for less well-to-do Israelis. But the government is compensating them psychologically and materially by such measures as higher taxes - affecting the better off — on foreign travel and certain imports, even a ban on some luxury imports, and by promising compensation through children's, old-

age, and social-welfare allowances. Even then, according to Finance Minister Rabinowitz, the average standard of living - as expressed in the level of consumption per capita is likely to fall by about 5 percent this

Yet one has only to see dockworkers in the spanking-new port of Ashod among those who initially protested against the consequences of devaluation - working round the clock under searchlights to load this year's citrus crop, to realize that there is a will to accept the burdens after all, if they are needed to ensure that Israel shall

One of a series. Next: Political revolution at the top in Israel.

★ South Vietnam braces for attacks Continued from Page 1

also one of the least populous of the South's more than 40 provinces.

Taking four district towns and a province capital was not as much of an accomplishment in Phuoc Long as it would have been in many other provinces.

Nevertheless, in the process of gaining effective control of the entire province, the Communist attackers also achieved the following: • They grabbed another segment

of an important road (Route 14) which fits neatly with an already formidable network of roads which they have developed inside South Vietnam since the cease-fire. • They did significant damage to the already sagging morale of many government troops by demonstrating

(There is no panic in Salgon, but there is apprehension.) • They apparently inflicted significant losses on a highly trained unit of special air-borne rangers. Among the best troops Saigon can field, these were the reinforcements who were sent into the battle without adequate

what they can do when they hit hard.

*KGB tightens grip

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Mr. Gromyko's letter was initially handed to Dr. Kissinger in Moscow on Oct. 26 toward the end of the latter's iiks with secretary-Ge I. Brezhnev at that time.

Mr. Brezhnev is reported to have expressed anger about a reference to Soviet assurances in the earlier correspondence between Dr. Kissinger and Sen. Henry M. Jackson (D) of Washington designed to ease the passing of the controversial trade bill which secured most-favored-nation treat-

ment for the U.S.S.R. Before leaving Moscow, Dr. Kissinger was able to soft-pedal the issue which was not mentioned in the lengthy communique from the Nov. 23-24 Vladivostok summit meeting

with President Ford. That the Soviets should have waited nearly two months - from Oct. 26 to Dec. 18 - before publishing Mr. Gromyko's letter, and then playing it up for a whole week and even threatening to withdraw certain concessions which they had made to the United States in the 1972 trade agreement. shows how much the Soviet position

has hardened in the last two months. Although the circumstances of Mr. Brezhnev's "postponed" Middle East journey are not fully known, the same hardening seems to have occurred in Moscow's Middle East policy.

The Kremlin's line has hardened inside the Soviet bloc as well. The KGB, which until 1955 had the state security services of the East European countries firmly under its thumb, once again is reaching beyond the borders of the U.S.S.R. In East Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Poland, cultural policy has been tightened in the last few months. Bulgaria's secret police in September kidnapped the Bulgarian Social Democratic leader, Borls A. Ilieff, who was in exile in Copenhagen, in a revival of prewar secret-police meth-

In November, Mr. Andropov himself visited Sofia for the purpose of taking Bulgaria's secret services more tightly in hand. Romania, Russia's most refractory East European ally, has been visited by several Soviet military and security delegations in recent months.

Inside the Soviet Union, too, the KGB and the MVD have tightened the screws. (The KGB handles mainly secret police activities while the MVD is in charge of the municipal police as well as frontier troops).
Noted civil-rights champion Prof.

Andrei D. Sakharov and all recent arrivals from the Soviet Union have reported a sharpening of repression. The idea is not so much to blatantly crush out the underground press,

church, and national independence movements, but to use refined methods of "enlightenment," propaganda, and corruption in line with the new social and psychological situation.

Development of such methods is the purpose of an academy for the training of MVD and KGB operatives and teachers which was opened in September under the sponsorship of the highest officials. The academy's faculty includes the deputy ministers of the interior of all Soviet republics.

Another development indicating the higher standing of Mr. Andropov was the establishment on Oct. 28 of a new award — the Order for Services of the Homeland in the U.S.S.R.'s Armed Forces - which specifically provides for the KGB and MVD. Holders of this order are entitled "to priority in housing, to a free round-trip journey first class anywhere in the country once a year, free use of all urban transportation within their district, and head-of-queue treatment in shops, places of entertainment, and

cultural institutions." These privileges are similar to those given to holders of the prized combat decoration, Order of Glory.

★Tourists still gape

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Adams used to hang laundry in the now-august East Room in 1800. Or that it once was renovated crudely from without by British forces in 1814, using torches; and four times carefully from within by craftsmen, with presidential approval.

Monuments like these - Washington's "old reliables" - will be visited as long as there are tourists. But Watergate, someday, will sink into merciful anonymity.

Not yet, though: "I would think there is still a tremendous amount of interest," says a spokesman for the Watergate complex. "Tourists come in and they look at the building. You see people taking photographs from outside. We have seen people having their pictures taken standing in front of buildings with the Watergate sign legible enough for a photograph.'

Nevertheless, tourist interest may have peaked. "Perhaps it's slowed down," she volunteers. But she is unsure whether such a decline, if in fact it has begun, stems from a real loss of interest or just the normal

seasonal drop in Washington tourism. But a better idea will come in May, when the city's tourists — like its magnolia and dogwood - once again are in full bloom.

*Congress cool to Thieu aid

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survive if it receives aid, and that the Thieu government has taken steps toward increased democracy.

No confirmation

Thus far the Ford administration has refused to confirm widespread reports that it is seeking an additional \$300 million in military aid. At Thursday's White House briefing, presidential press secretary Ron Nessen did say the President is giving "intensive consideration" to additional aid for South Vietnam.

He added that the President believes current levels of U.S. military aid to both South Vietnam and Cambodia are inadequate.

Long an opponent of past U.S. military action in Indo-China, Senator Mansfield refuses to say whether he would lead the Senate fight to oppose' additional aid, saying only in his understated way that "I would react

negatively" to the expected proposal. Senator Mansfield rejects what is expected to be the Ford adminis tration's major argument when it makes the requests: that the U.S. has spent so much money in South Viet: nam it now should provide this comparatively little more to enable the South Vietnamese to repel North Vietnam, now in sizable military

offensive. Too much already

He says impatiently: "We've al ready paid too high a price. . . . We'l be paying for this war to about the year 2045, with a total cost of about \$365 billion.

These estimated figures come fron a 1972 report by the Department c Commerce and Census Bureau, b. says. They include such long-rang costs as Veterans' hospitals, retire ment benefits to Vietnam-ERA seg vicemen and women, and disabilit costs for wounded Vietnam veterans It is widely reported here that tru Ford administration decided to see the additional \$300 million on Tue day, following the fall of South Vietn. mese provincial capital Phuoc Bir and a warning from U.S. Ambassade Graham Martin that South Vietna urgently needs more ammunition prevent military catastrophe.

But it is in the full Senate and ful House that the proposal will face i stiffest tests. There is doubt ther whether in a time of serious domest 🥫 economic difficulties Congress we agree to send additional money South Vietnam.



AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS

1. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

As part of its coverage of the U.S. bicentennial, the Monitor today begins the first of 12 new and lively looks at the men who founded the nation 200 years ago. The articles, written by a veteran Washington correspondent, will appear on this page twice a month from now until

By Richard L. Strout

Staff correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

Washington

The Whately papers were to England, 200 years ago, what the Pentagon papers were to the United States only yesterday, and so Dr. Benjamin Franklin, printer, author, colonial representative, and worldfamous scientist stood before the angry Privy Council in London, Jan. 29, 1774, and heard himself excoriated. Yes, he had leaked them.

Of all that amazing group in the 13 Colonies that declared independence, that wrote the Constitution, that launched a nation in the new world, he was in some respects the most extraordinary.

Jefferson was the intellectual, Hamilton the financier, Washington the giant of character: Ben Franklin was the mellowing influence, worldly wise, benign, and warm as a Franklin stove. He had invented that,

It was just before the Revolution. The family quarrel was worsening. Wherever Englishmen turned their eyes round the world, they saw their arms victorious: Canada, India, everywhere. France was humiliated, no longer leader of the Continent, thirsting for revenge. Horace Walpole wrote that the English ruling class was acting with "more haughtiness than an Asiatic monarch" and was "born with Roman insolence." The trouble was the Colonists also felt cocky. They, too, were English.

So now Dr. Franklin had got himself into a mess. It was January, 1774; he stood in the bar in London silent and imperturbable; he wore a brown-figured Manchester velvet suit, according to the latest narrator of that scene, Catherine Drinker Bowen, in her vivid posthumous book, "The Most Dangerous Man in America." His gray locks fell below his ears. He stood there an hour and a half while his impassivity roused Scottish-born Solicitor General Alexander Wedderburn to increasing invective, with a crowded audience laughing at his sallies.

Down to this day nobody knows how Dr. Franklin, who was the official agent of several colonies in London, came into possession of 10 private letters written from Massachusetts Royalist Gov. Thomas Hutchinson and his brother-in-law Andrew Oliver, addressed to Thomas Whately, a kind of semiofficial functionary and talebearer.

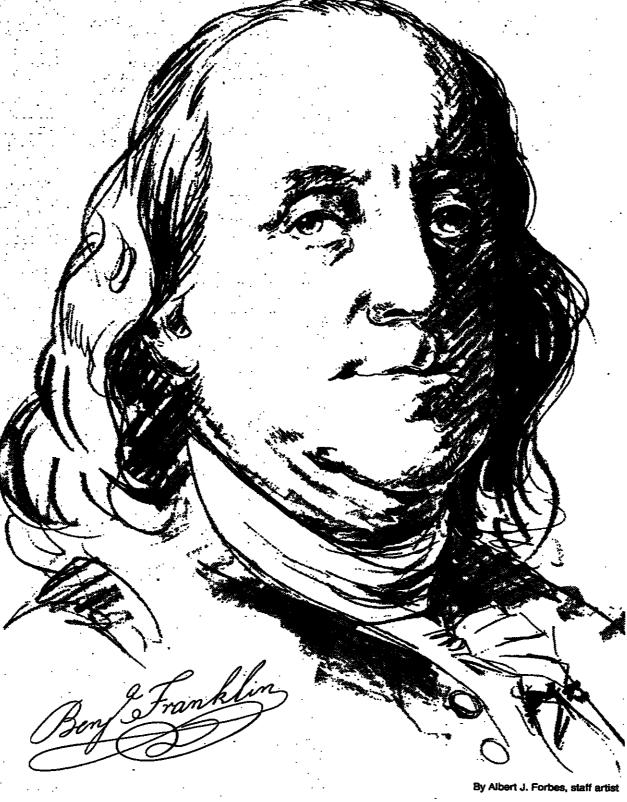
Moderation favored

Massachusetts-born Governor Hutchinson was having trouble with the wretched Colonists and wanted the right people in London to have his version. He and Oliver wrote contemptuously and indiscreetly: The provincial burghers were ignorant, the newly arrived Red Coats would curb disorder. "There must be an abridgement of what are called English liberties," he said. Or, perhaps, it would be wiser to set up a Colonial

landed aristocracy to control the saucy sons of liberty. Dr. Franklin loved England — he thought of retiring there with his wife Debbie. He had friends like Joseph

Priestley, Jeremy Bentham, Edmund Burke. Oxford had made him a doctor. He was no firebrand, either: he always favored prudent moderation, a compromise. He was popular in London till now: He had wit and urbanity, was a favorite of the ladies, yet

with a social reserve that protected him from boors. Now the "papers" had changed everything. We can imagine Franklin at first wondering what to do with the secret documents, much perhaps as the editors of



the New York Times, in our day, may have wondered what to do with the Pentagon papers.

Franklin sent the packet to Speaker Thomas Cushing of the Massachusetts House of Representatives — only to be shown to trusted friends.

And so Sam Adams saw the letters and in no time at all they were published in the Boston Gazette. When John Adams read them, he could hardly speak of Hutchinson: "Vile serpent," he wrote in his diary. 'Cool, thinking, deliberate villain."

But who had leaked them? The sparks flew back from New England to England in the scandal. Thomas Whately himself was no longer living, but his brother William accused John Temple, former Governor of New Hampshire and now living in England, of making the disclosure.

A duel followed. No casualties. The esteemed Dr. Franklin was alarmed. He informed the newspapers that he alone was responsible. His purpose, he said rather lamely, was to show Americans that it was not simply Parliament but men born in Massachusetts (Hutchinson and Oliver) who were promoters of irksome restraints.

Dr. Franklin got a verbal tongue-lashing for his pains in the Privy Council; he became the target of the mounting animosity toward the rebellious Colonists. He could have answered Solicitor General Wedderburn; he did not. His very respectability made him a better scapegoat: "I hope, my lords, that you will mark and brand this man," cried Wedderburn.

One practical result was that Franklin lost the postmaster generalship of America, an office that he cherished as a matter of pride because he had taken the postal system of the Colonies and made it efficient and profitable.

Eight years before, Franklin, as the best-known American, had been lionized in London. When the House of Commons, sitting as a committee of the whole, decided to explore the whole rumpus of the Stamp Act, they summoned him. With charm and urbanity he disarmed many critics. He had just turned 60, wore a powdered short wig in honor of the occasion, and spoke coolly and firmly.

If the Stamp Act were repealed, he was asked, would America acknowledge the right of Parliament "No - never," he replied firmly. That was in 1766.

Who was this Franklin? He had only two years of formal education, was the 15th of 17 children of a respectable Boston tallow-boiler and soapmaker; he constantly taught and disciplined himself. At 15 he secretly contributed a lively series of sketches to his domineering brother's weekly paper, New England Courant. He owned and edited the Pennsylvania Gazette, was a force in Philadelphia affairs, negotiated with Indian tribes, helped finance Braddock's ill-fated expedition, was Agent of Colonies in London.

His manner was that of one who expects his views to be taken seriously, but he was not pretentious. He was at home anywhere - always curious, always cheerful; he loved to sing.

As Carl van Doren observed, "Franklin must have been what he was, because nobody could have invented such a figure."

Efforts to make himself frugal helped create the homely aphorisms of Franklin's literary creation, Poor Richard, that have passed into the language: "Early to bed and early to rise"; "Waste not, want not." Carlyle, looking at Franklin's portrait, thought sourly of his stuffy admonitions and said, "There is the father of all Yankees."

But he omitted Franklin's extraordinary reports to the Royal Society of London with glass tubes and Leyden jars, and electrical experiments that twice knocked him senseless.

Vocabulary made up

How Franklin brought down lightning without killing himself is still a wonder, though his reports show he knew and guarded against the danger. Few realize that it is his vocabulary used today in electricity: "battery, brush, armature, charge, condense, conductor, plus, minus, positive, negative" -they are all his; he made them up as he went along.

He invented bifocal glasses, too, and a harmonica,

He helped write the Treaty of Paris, as American envoy to France, that ended the Revolution. People said he was the wisest man in the new republic.

Finally he was an old man, genial still, who came in a sedan chair that hot summer day of 1787 in Philadelphia to sign the proposed new Constitution. They were hushed as he took the quill.

"Whilst the last members were signing it," wrote Madison, 'Doctor Franklin looking towards the Presidents chair, at the back of which a rising sun happened to be painted, observed to a few members near him . . . I have, said he, often and often in the course of the session . . : looked at that behind the President without being able to tell whether it was rising or setting. But now at length I have the happiness to know that it is a rising and not a setting

Next: Alexander Hamilton, the financier.

The kite experiment

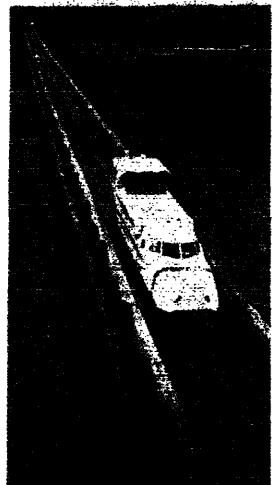
Here is a condensed account of Franklin's kite experiment in June, 1752, as told to British scientist

"The doctor was waiting for the erection of a [church] spire in Philadelphia when it occurred to him that, by means of a common kite, he could have a readier and better access to the regions of thunder than by any spire whatever. Preparing, therefore, a large silk handkerchief, and two cross sticks, of a proper length, on which to extend it, he took the opportunity of the first approaching thunderstorm. . . . He communicated his experiment to nobody but his son, who assisted him in raising the

"The kite being raised, a considerable time elapsed before there was any appearance of its being electrified. . . . Just as he was beginning to despair of his contrivance, he observed some loose threads of the hempen string to stand erect, and to avoid one another, just as if they had been suspended on a common conductor. Struck with this promising appearance, he immediately presented his knuckle to the key, and [let the reader judge of the exquisite pleasure he must have felt at the moment] the discovery was complete. He perceived a very evident electric spark. Others succeeded, even before the string was wet, so as to put the matter past all dispute, and when the rain had wetted the string, he collected electric fire very copiously."



Trains for tomorrow—on the 'track' today?



'Levitated' engine of the future?

What will the train of the future be like? Will it ride on air? On special tracks? Will it jolt and jump or will it glide smoothly across the landscape? Test engineers at a unique new government center in Colorado are looking for the answers to such questions.

By Carieton Knight III

Special to The Christian Science Monitor

Pueblo, Colo. The United States is running some strangelooking trains at more than 250 m.p.h. near here and, at this writer's visit, was about to begin deliberately trying to derail engines and freight cars - all in an attempt to make

railroads and mass transit faster and safer. The High Speed Ground Test Center of the U.S. Department of Transportation, about 25 miles from here, is a joint effort of the Federal Railroad Administration and the Urban Mass Transportation Administration. Although it is a federal project, there are only 14 government employees; the other 350 work for private contractors developing trains and

When completed in several years, this unique facility will have approximately 30 miles of what one official calls "the best railroad track in the world" and 50 miles of concrete guideway for air-cushion vehicles. The isolated 50-square-mile center will have seven separate test tracks and guideways.

Aluminum fin

The vehicles that operate here hardly resemble what most people think of as trains. They look more like rockets or planes without wings. Three firms have built units for testing: Grumman Aircraft Engineering Corporation, Garrett Corporation, and Rohr Industries, Inc. Only the Rohr vehicle is a prototype (it will carry 60 passengers at 150 m.p.h. - from an airport to a city, for example). The other two are strictly for highspeed testing.

& Research has led to the development of the linear induction motor (LIM) — a noiseless, vibrationless, and pollution-free device driven by electromagnetism. A LIM is essentially a rotary motor unrolled and laid flat. The only visible difference between a regular railroad track and one configured for use by a LIM vehicle is an aluminum fin that runs down the center of the track. In models tested so far the fin (used to create the force that moves the vehicle) has varied between 20 and 36 inches high.

Both the Garrett and Grumman test vehicles use a LIM, power-assisted with aircraft jet engines to get them up to top speed in a short distance. In a recent test the Carrett vehicle hit 254.7 m.p.h., a world record for a

tracked vehicle, and held that speed for 20 seconds before it had to slow to a stop. Only six miles of track were completed at the time, but the jet engines enabled the test vehicle to reach the record speed in just over two miles.

The Grumman vehicle is driven - perhaps flown would be a better description, as it rides like a hovercraft on a 11/2-inch cushion of air - by a former National Aeronautics and Space Administration test pilot. Gerry Keyes flew recoverable and reusable spacecraft before coming to work at the railroads here. He has taken the 48,000-pound vehicle to a speed of 91 m.p.h., but with the LIM being installed, it should be capable of 300 m.p.h. For safety reasons the center requires all tests over 150 m.p.h. to be unmanned.

Tape analyzed

The other important aspect of the center is its rail dynamics laboratory. When completed late this year, "it will be to the railroad what the wind tunnel is to the airplane," said Richard Melton of the center.

Prior to a test, two converted New York subway cars filled with recording equipment will be pulled by a regular train over a section of bad track. Such things as the minute variation in width between rails, the height of each rail, bumps, cracks, and bad joints will be measured.

In short, a record of an entire section of track - one mile or 100 miles - can be made on a tape that is then analyzed with the help of a computer at the lab.

With this system, the forces that cause derailments or unhitching of piggyback trailers can be measured and corrected. New suspension systems, wheels, and other equipment also can be tested.

Special insulation

The center is looking at other problems, too, in an effort to reduce railroad crossing accidents that take the lives of more than 1,500 Americans each year. Test locomotives are crashed into new autos in the hope that a new train bumper may cut down fatalities.

The center also has found that a special insulation on the inside of tank cars can increase dramatically the time before the car will explode in a fire, a frequent problem following derailments, thus giving firemen more time to extinguish the fire.

Why is the government involved in this project? Thomas M. Taylor, a center official, says: "Industry doesn't have anywhere near the equipment, and it would be silly for each company to buy it." This is a case of the government providing support and services and private companies renting time for testing. Several firms that ship by rail plan to use the laboratory to determine how better to package their goods.

Railroads are lining up to use the test tracks, and a 50,000-mile, day-and-night continuous test run was planned for a new Canadian train in the first international use of the center. Amtrak is expected to test its new trains there.

<u>financial</u>

Interest rates take welcome plunge

By Ron Scherer Business-financial correspondent of The Christian Science Monitor

New York The trend of interest rates within the last few weeks has added further proof to Newton's law of gravity: what goes up must come down.

Short-term interest levels have taken a quantum leap downward, in a move whose speed - not direction has surprised the experts. Very-shortterm maturities of five- to six-day commercial paper have fallen to 5-6 percent while longer maturities are offering interest rates of 8-9 percent.

Treasury bill yields have dipped to their lowest point in 11 months, now with an average yield of 6.37 percent. Analysts are expecting the primeinterest rate quickly to follow the trend, slipping to 9% percent by the end of next week.

These rates are down substantially from their November-December

All of this good news for consumers and industries is the result of a much greater degree of accommodation by the Federal Reserve Bank. The bank hopes by easing interest rates now. it can help aid an economic recovery later this year.

As Dr. Paul W. McCracken, formerly with the Council of Economic Advisers, surmised at the National Retail Merchants Association's annual meeting, "to assure that the added deficit [of a tax cut] does not simply pre-empt funds that busi-



By R. Norman Matheny, staff photographe

Fed board room-opening the money gates

nesses and consumers would like to borrow, it will be essential to achieve now the strong rates of monetary expansion that can be the basis for a rising economy later this year."

Dr. McCracken suggested to the audience of retailers that money supply should grow at an annual rate of 10 percent in order to restimulate the economy.

Because of a very low rate of growth in the money supply over the last few weeks, it now is conceded that the Federal Reserve Bank is quickening its expansionary pace. The money supply over the past year had been growing at a 4.7 percent rate, down from a 6 percent rate in the first half of 1974. Within the last few months it had increased to 5 percent, and very recently to a much higher

The impact of lower interest rates is already being felt. According to Advance Mortgage Corporation, a subsidiary of Citicorp and one of the largest mortgage bankers, funds for apartment mortgages and shoppingcenter mortgages are becoming more widely available.

Since November, the Detroit lender's interest rates for apartment construction have dropped threeeighths of a percent to a current 10 percent

Shopping-center mortgages are 10¼ percent, down from 10½ percent. However, money lent out at this point is destined for apartment construction beginning Jan. 1, 1976. Any money for earlier construction, a spokesman says, is scarce, although 'the outlook is improving.'

Likewise, the savings and loan associations are reaping the benefits of lower short-term interest rates. Long-term interest rates are down from their November highs, but have not fallen in the same manner as short-term interest rates.

Arnold Moskowitz, economist at Dean Witter, Inc., believes the heavy bond calendar will continue to keep rates up until February.

Economic scene

Income tax cut—but for whom?

By David R. Francis

Boston Who should get the tax

"goodies?" This is one big question facing Congress now that practically everyone is agreed on the need for a tax cut.

Usually Congress likes to spread its tax reductions around - so many billions for individuals, so much for business.

In this recession, however, there are some good arguments for giving the bulk, if not all, of the benefits to individuals in the low- and middle-income tax brackets.

The key reason is that the fastest way to lift the recession is to increase the spending power of consumers. Inflation, devaluation of the dollar, and higher energy prices have seriously eroded their ability to buy goods and services.

Once the public feels somewhat more "flush," its increased spending will benefit business. As sales volume climbs, corporate managers will find they need to start hiring again, will see productivity rise, and will enjoy growing profits.

Business groups will be pressing for an increase in the investment tax credit or other tax savings. But it is not entirely clear at this stage in the recession, when unemployment is still growing, that business needs to be financially encouraged to introduce more labor-saving machines.

Of course, in the longer run, the nation's rising standard of living depends on machines taking over the plainer tasks from men. But if wages are high enough, businessmen will employ machines naturally when a cost saving is possible - with or without tax loopholes.

A further argument against giving new tax goodies to corporations is that these firms are primarily owned by the wealthy. The well-to-do get the most gain from higher stock prices and larger corporate dividends.

The wealthiest families and individuals - the top 1 percent of the income distribution - received 47 percent of dividend income and held 51 percent of the market value of stock owned by families in 1971.

The dream that every American should have a piece of the action of capitalism through stock ownership remains just that - a dream.

The stock holdings of this wealthy tiny minority, according to a new study by Profs. Marshall Blume, Jean Crockett, and Irwin Friend of the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, amounted to \$397 billion in mid-

That compares with \$380 billion held by the other 99 percent of the familes and individuals.

Holdings of nonprofit institutions, corporations and foreigners totalled \$341 billion. (Of course, some of these latter stock holdings, say by pension funds, would benefit persons of lower incomes.)

That top 1 percent is not just millionaires. It includes those families with incomes of \$50,000 or more in 1971.

The remainder of the wealthiest 10 percent of the population, those with 1971 incomes between about \$20,500 and \$50,000, held 31.5 percent of total stock in 1958, but just 24 percent of the total in 1971.

There has been a significant broadening of stock ownership among middle-income families.

Those in the \$9,300 to \$20,500 income bracket (the next 40 percent of the income distribution after the top 10 percent) raised their share of total direct stock ownership from 12.8 percent in 1958 to 16.9 percent in 1971.

The bottom half in income of the total population held 4.5 percent of total stock in 1958 and 8 percent in 1971.

Over the past hal -century, the Wharton study shows, there has been a persistent tendency toward a more equal distribution of direct ownership of stock. But this trend was muted in the 1958-71 period.

Similarly, total wealth showed a decreasing amount of concentration up to the end of World War II, but hardly any change thereafter. Also, income distribution showed less concentration until 1945 but much more stability in later decades.

In both 1958 and 1971, the top 1 percent accounted for 7.5 percent of total income; the top 50 percent for 76.6 percent, notes the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

These statistics show that the ownership of stock is much more concentrated among upper-income groups than is wealth gen-Widespread homeownership spreads general wealth around.

Nevertheless, the wealthy are still the chief beneficiaries of corporate ownership. Unless Congress thinks it a good idea to make the wealthier more wealthy, it should aim its tax cuts directly at average-income taxpayers.

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Super Bowl or Super Bore? Answer on Sunday Vikings will win!

By Phil Elderkin

Never let it be said that I would ever kick a team when it's down. I will kick the Pittsburgh Steelers while they are up - before they lose to the Minnesota Vikings in Super Bowl No. 9 on Sunday in New Orelans.

I know what all you Steeler fans are going to say — that the Vikings are dull, methodical and would be the first team in pro football to adopt the Flying Wedge if it were still legal.

But who ever said you had to be flashy or wear white shoes or uniforms designed by Charlie Finley to win a Super Bowl game? All it takes is more points that the other team. It doesn't matter how you get them.

Last year, when Minnesota played the Miami Dolphins on Super Sunday and lost, it was taking on a team with too much experience, too much quickness and too much depth. Nobody really expected the Vikings to cope with that kind of Dolphin power and they didn't

But this is another year - a year in which Minnesota's younger players have matured, especially on defense. In fact, in a lot of their games this year the Vikings have made their defense into an offensive weapon by forcing a high number of turnovers by rival teams.

In beating the Los Angeles Rams two weeks ago in the playoffs. Minnesota limited running back Lawrence McCutcheon. the NFL's rushing leader, to 32 glorious yards. That's like holding Pete Rose to one hit in a World

Series or signing Catfish Hunter for under \$3 million.

Any rival backfield that has to try to buildoze its way through the Vikings defensive Front Four of Carl Eller, Doug Sutherland, Alan Page and Jim Marshall for an entire afternoon is already in trouble.

All four of these well-put-together gentlemen have wagon tongues for arms and cut-off telephone poles for legs. Yet despite their bulk, they also have the quickness and pursuit to search out a ball carrier and destroy him.

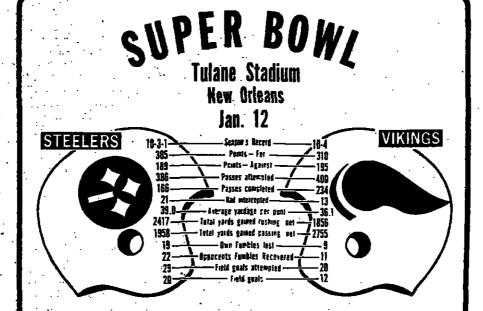
Page has so much confidence in himself that he never watches game films unless he is ordered to do so.

"There are only so many things the man playing across from you can do and I've seen them all." Page explained. "What's more important to me is my own preparation. I just want to make sure I'm alert mentally and physically, so that I can take advantage of a mistake if I see one."

Actually, a situation much like Page was referring to occurred in the third period of the Vikings playoff game with the Los Ange-

Los Angeles, with a chance to go ahead in the game, had the ball on Minnesota's one-inch line. A good high school running back should score in a situation like

But when Ram guard Tom Mack moved his hand ever so slightly before the ball was snapped, Page noticed it and



charged across the line of scrim-

It was a heady reaction by the Vikings defensive right tackle, because even if the officials hadn't also seen Mack move his hand, Minnesota could have been given no more than a half-inch penalty. That is, if Page had been called for off-side.

Instead, Los Angeles was hit with a five-yard motion penalty that later led to a pass interception by the Vikings that killed the Rams' scoring threat.

Doug Sutherland, Minnesota's other defensive tackle, put it this way: "We don't gamble. We play

a disciplined defense. Our tackles try to create pressure up the middle.

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"The point is if you can take the other team's running attack away from them, you immediately force them out of their game plan and into something they don't really want to do. We've done that to a lot of teams this year and I'm certain we can do it one more time."

As for Minnesota's offense on Sunday, it probably won't set any records for scoring points but it will get the job done - I'd say by the margin of one touchdown.

It is at this point that I will rest my defense. I hope the Vikings don't fool me and rest theirs!

Steelers will win!

By Larry Eldridge

If you go by history, Pittsburgh doesn't have a chance in this year's Super Bowl. Psychologically, too, Minnesota seems to have a big edge. But'on the field the Steelers have looked like a far superior team lately especially in the way they manhandled Oakland for the American Conference championship.

Therefore, since this is a football game and not a classroom lecture or a group therapy session, I'll go with the blocking and tackling and pick the Steelers to win by about a touchdown In fact, unless the Vikings get a large share of the breaks which seem to be their specialty, it could be a rout.

The history lesson which Pittsburgh fans would just as soon overlook is the one which says no team appearing in its first Super Bowl has ever beaten a club which has been in the big game

Minnesota, of course, will be making its third appearance, and therein lies the psychological advantage, for the Vikings hardly want to add to their already dubious record of being the only team ever to lose this game twice.

All this sounds good for the Vikings, but it doesn't really have anything to do with whether they can move the ball against Mean Joe Green & Co., or whether they can stop the bull-like rushes of Franco Harris. And the evidence of the past few weeks indicates that they may well be up against it in both departments.

Pittsburgh virtually annihilated Buffalo in its playoff opener, then trounced an Oakland team which was supposed to be the best

in pro football. The latter game made believers out of a lot of people as the Steelers stopped the Raiders' running game cold (29 yards in 21 carries) while rushing for 209 themselves, 111 of them by Harris.

Pittsburgh took a while to jell this year - mainly because Coach Chuck Noll couldn't decide on a No. 1 quarterback. The joke that went around the league was that he should play them all at the same time since only one of them could pass (Joe Gilliam), one could run (Terry Bradshaw) and one could think (Terry Hanratty).

Once Bradshaw took over and settled into the job, however, everything jelled as the Steelers came on strongly through the end of the season and the playoffs. Thus at this stage it's questionable whether Minnesota has as much of an edge at quarterback with Fran Tarkenton as the Vikings' supporters would like to

Elsewhere the Steelers seem to win most of the matchups except perhaps in pass receiving, where Minnesota's John Gilliam poses a constant game-breaking threat. Pittsburgh confronted the same problem against Oakland's Cliff Branch, however, and came out

In the final analysis this year's game shapes up quite a bit like the 1974 edition. The Vikings must hope that their versatile offense keyed by Tarkenton's passing and Chuck Foreman's running can overcome a rock-hard defense, and that their own defense can withstand a rushing game.

It didn't work a year ago, and it problably won't again.

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Mabel King (Wicked Witch of the West) in 'Wiz'

Broadway's 'all-new all-black' musical 'Wizard of Oz'

By John Beaufort

New York Under Broadway's giddily unpredictable law of supply and demand, the closing on a single night of three big musical comedies - "Over Here," "Gypsy," and the short-lived "Good News" - was fortuitously followed by the arrival of "The Wiz" and "Shenandoah." To what extent the newcomers will fill the void remains to be seen.

"The Wiz" lies somewhere over the rainbow at the end of which MGM

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discovered one of its most enchanting musicals. But the version at the Majestic Theater is an all-new, allblack, all-exuberant retelling of L. Frank Baum's familiar tale about a little girl named Dorothy who is spun by a Kansas cyclone into the land of Oz. Adapter William F. Brown has retained all the essential characters and situations in a comically fivey libretto. Director-designer Geoffrey Holder has dreamed up a gorgeously prismatic extravaganza. The visual effects mix all the colors of the fabled rainbow, while choreographer George Faison's marvelous dancers perform with sufficient physical bravura to solve an energy crisis.

Charlie Smalls has written a work-

manlike score in familiar Afro-American idioms. It was overamplified at the preview I attended, but the audience cheered several of the showler numbers and greeted the final curtain with an ovation. Among those who gratefully and gratifyingly respond to the production's musical opportunities are 15-year-old Stephanie Mills (Dorothy), Hinton Battle (the Scarecrow), Tiger Haynes (the Tinman) and Ted Ross (a groovy Lion whose Afro mane would have been the envy of all those other cats). Mabel King's Wicked Witch is a bullying shouter, Clarice Taylor's Addaperle is lovably scatterbrained, and Andre de Shield's Wiz cuts a furiously dashing figure until Dorothy and her friends discover the cowardy custard within.

"Shenandoah" has a tendency to resemble the imitation sampler on the cover of the Alvin Theater Playbill. The high-minded libretto has been adapted from the movie about a widowed Virginia farmer whose family suffers the misfortunes of the Civil War despite his refusal to join the conflict. The show's problem derives from the melodic blandness of too many of the Gary Geld-Peter Udell songs, the operetta staginess of the production, and the derivative nature of the choreography.

As the embattled farmer, John Cullum sings beautifully and acts the role with vigorous authority. The



'Winningly natural performances'

Earnon MacKenzie and Marybeth Hurt in "The Member of the Wedding (reviewed below).

vocal performance throughout is sonorously effective. Even though "Shenandoah" seems rather too reminiscent of other times and stronger musicals, many playgoers will find this wholesome and attractive sampler thoroughly enjoyable.

'Member of the Wedding'

The all-to-brief revival of "The Member of the Wedding' (Helen Hayes Theater) has served to recall for appreciative playgoers a wise, insightful, tenderly moving genre work of the 1949/50 Broadway season. It will soon be visiting Washington, Philadelphia, and Boston. Meanwhile the New Phoenix Repertory Company production directed by Michael Montel honors the fragile Carson McCullers text with a performance which gives careful attention to the principal themes of the human struggle against loneliness and the anguish of early adolescence.

As the motherless Frankie Addams, Marybeth Hurt conveys the girl's mercurial restlessness, childish posturings and fantasies, her yearning to belong and her youthful egocentricity. Marge Eliot portrays the devoted black servant, Berenice Sadie Brown, as a woman of simple wisdom and intuitive perceptions. As John Henry, the doomed innocent of this odd threesome, seven-year-old Eamon

McKenzie gives one of those winningly natural performances which avoids the pitfalls of precocity.

Murray Schisgal's "All Over Town" (Booth Theater) is an old-fashioned, crackpot. New York-y farce involving mistaken identities, improbable characters in impossible situations, sexual "humor," and incidental vulgarities, The bright green Manhattan apart. ment setting by Oliver Smith features 10 doors, two stairways, a balcony, French windows, and a linen cupboard - with gags to fit the silly architecture. The production lavishes the talents of Cleavon Little (the mistaken one); Barnard Hughes (the principal mistaker), plus 15 other able and willing actors on a zany fling that winds up being more ludicrous than genuinely comic.

"Black Picture Show" (Vivian Beaumont Theater) is a mordant bitterly sardonic horror story. Bill Gunn's foul-mouthed, free-form, arbitrarily motivated drama concerns the mental disintegration of a black playwright-poet. Doomed by drugs and destructive relationships, desperate for money, he has sold out to a revolting white couple who put money into black films. As the fatally compromised writer, Dick Anthony Williams heads an able cast directed by Mr. Gunn in the theatrically showy New York Shakespeare Festival pro-

New novel merges actors and their roles

The Changing of the Guard, by John Ehle. New York: Random House. \$7.95.

By Roderick Nordell

As long as writers have ideas like demise of the novel will have to be postponed. No other narrative form has the flexibility to permit such

plausible trickery as the feat he brings off so well: merging the offscreen lives of movie actors with their on-screen roles to a point of bizarre fusion.

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Paris echoes the French Revolution which is the subject of the film. Like the Louis XVI whom he portrays, a once supreme actor of the old school is confronted by rabble and rebellion. An uncouth young director seeks to coarsen the performance in the name of honesty. The King's problems with women and subversion cross over into

the actor's experience. Must their. fate be the same?

Mr. Ehle's grasp of filmmaking atmosphere must owe something to his marriage to actress Rosemary Harris. A concern for revolutionary nuance is not unexpected from the tivists in "The Free Men" of some years ago. The result is like a screenplay of 18th-century France imbedded in a 20th-century world where the test of revolution is whether it's good box

Rod Nordell is the Monitor's assistant chief editorial writer.

Celebrity

Billion Dollar Baby, by Bob Greene. New York: Athenium, \$10.

To some observers rock music represents the depths of perversity, while to others it seems the height of success and power. "Billion Dollar Baby" shows us a world which is a fusion of both, reflecting the culture which spawned and supports It.
As a traveling member of the Alice Cooper

band Bob Greene entered the world of rock superstars, shared all the aspects of their dally lives, the recording studio, and a concert tour. Yet Mr. Greene is not a musician by trade, but a journalist. His purpose was to chronicle the experiences of a group of people whose public images and private lives are often quite dissimilar.

He shows how the Alice Cooper phenomenon was built up to appeal to mankind's basest instincts, but while doing this he refrains from a condemnation which might cripple his credibility. Mr. Greene also shows a more realistic and human side of the performer's es. For example, he indicates that Alice Cooper actually detests violence, although it is an essential part of his stage presence. Mr. Cooper, the author adds, does not use drugs, but drinks heavily and finds his public image increasingly repulsive.

Mr. Green's perceptions are precise and objective as he illustrates the distasteful elements of this life style and explains why many otherwise decent people, desperate to succeed become involved

While the world temporarily entered is not one many people would care to live in, his description of it provides us with an understanding of another part of America.

- Stephen Grass

Black Sunday, by Thomas Harris. New York; Putnam. \$7.95.

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lion" (PBS, Monday, Jan. 13, 9-10 p.m. and every Monday thereafter from 9:30-10 p.m., check local listings for premiere and repeats). I warn you - see the introductory full-hour program and you'll be hooked for the next four months.

Lord Clark is constantly on camera, as he floats you in and out of the world's great museums and to the original habitat of some of his subjects. As always, he provides marvelously candid insights into the lives of the artists he features. In the in-Lord Clark outlines the historical background of the great movement away from Classic art to Romantic 'art. According to him, Goya represented the beginning of a rebellion against the shallow rationalism of contemporary society.

New series from 'Civilisation's' Lord Clark

Lord Clark begins his story with the great Lisbon earthquake of 1775 and its consequent shattering of the "commonsense complacency of the 18th century. He samples for us just a bit of Goya, Constable, Jacques-Louis David, Piranesi, Ingres, Delacroix, Turner, and Rodin. Then, he remarks a bit sadly, perhaps: "Now, life has caught up with art - the romantic rebellion is over.'

First of the regular 14-week halfhours next week will feature Jacques Louis David, "the political and moral reformer who brought classicism back to life on the eve of the French Revolution." Several colleges throughout the country are conducting credit courses, using this new series as a classroom/livingroom de-

But, whether you watch it for credit or just for entertainment, you will be experiencing the divine pleasure of enjoying while you learn.

MOVIE GUIDE

APPRENTICESHIP OF DUDDY KRAYITZ—A taughing, crying, shorting, sweating white elephant of a film, designed to pissae everyone, offend everyone, and wear everyone out, all at the same time. Some fine performances and ingentious filmmaking are swamped by the cluttered confusion of Ted Kotcherit's direction in this obtained with a professional p

tic women whose inner turnoil challenges her blue-coltered husband and small children — Gens Rowlands does more acting with her flumbs than most performers do with their whole bodies. Peter Falk also excels—A. BLZIMS SADDLES—Crazy, dirty-mouthed, uneven, but often wary furny western spool by Mel Brooks. The secret is putting so many gegs into every scene that even it half of them mistire or oftend, the audience won't stop laughing long enough to notice. Clearvon Little plays a black sheriff in a bigoted Old West town. Brooka, Harvey Kormen, Madeline Katur, Gene Wilder. Sam Pickens. and lots of others fill out the cast—A.

CALIFORNIA SPLIT—A comedy-drama of no unusual fuster, Robert Altman's close look at two computative samblers nonetheless offers a clinically realist view of ceshno life, some paraussive performances, and an implicit comment on the ultimate fublity of the gambling life. Elikit Gould and George Segal star—A.

CASTAWAY COWBOV—Lennes Garmer plays an American cowboy on a lush tropical Island, helping a financially strapped wildow set up the first cattle ranch in those parts. Typical Walt Disney Productions family tare. Good performances and an unusual view of best-raising, help compensate for superfamiliar plot situations and twists. Directed by Disney regular Vincent MoEvesty—F.

CHINATOWN—Roman Polanski directed this complicated melodrama, nostalgically set in 1930's Los Angeles. It begins as a divorce drama, becomes a murder mystery, and eventually involves a plot to manipulate a city's well-er supply. Sordid subject matter and a bit of on-screen gore crop up, but the main concern la with the human sadness resulting from a lack of simple human decency—A.

somes resuming from a lack of simple fruman decancy—A
DAY FOR MiGHT—Romantic, breethiess, polgnant film
about filmmalding, by and starring Francels Truffeut—A.

11 HARROWHOUSE—Charles Grodin, John Gielgud, and
James Mason in Aram Avaklan's consody thriffer about a
plan to rip off a gem merchant. Furny but ally, Suspeace from time to time, but not quite often enough—A.
FRONT PAGE—Billy Wilder directed Jack Lemmyon, Walter
Matthau, Carol Burnett in this turny but uneven adaptation of the Ben Hecht-Charles MacArthur play, Some vulgar joking and dirty talking unfortunately simit its spopes,
but there are some high-old moments with the hardnosed nevermen, wild-eyed editor, crazy crook, et al—A.
GODFATHER PART II—A! Pacino, Diene Kaspon, and other
members of the original "Godfather" gang in Francis
Ford Coppola's boststrous but uninspired sequel about a
criminal "family." You won't get bored during its 3½hour length, but is that any recommendation?—A.
GOLD—Trastny-turn sintertainment about a villein who

GOLD—Trestly-tim entertainment about a villein who causes a mine disaster and the meny who get caught in his web. Sometimes vulgar and districteful, but shways associaced. Hay Milland, John Gleigud, Roger Moore; and lots of others—A.

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HARRY AND TONTO—Relaxed, soft-spoken cornedy about an aging man who travels across the United States in search of greater awareness of life's mystery. Touchingly acted by Art Carrety and a large supporting cast, ably directed by Paul Mazureky. Though merrid by an overty episodic quality and some oparaness, it remains a mature and affecting work—A.

HERBIE RIDES AGAIN—Ingenious, humy, and sharply settings acquet to "The Love Bug" finds a little old lady (Helen Hayes) and a high-IQ Volkswagen pitted against a visulmous shopping-center tycoon (Keenan Wynn). Another winner from the Well binney studies, directed by Robert Stevenson—F.

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ISLAND AT THE FOP OF THE WORLD-Donald Singles and

We publish this Guide as a service to our readers, to help them decide for themselves what movies they may wish to see. The Guide is intended to cover current films being widely shown. It describes briefly the nts of each, furnishes a capsule co ment and classification (A means Adults, F neans Family). However, these classific tions do not constitute endorsements. Further guidance is supplied by reviews on the Arts-entertainment pages. A indicates films

searching for a lost man in the Arctic But opening the show at most thesters is a hilarlous and imaginative Dis-resy carbon called "Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too"—F.

JUGGERNAUT—Richard Lester's taut suspense yam about

sor by Richard Herris, David Hermings, et al.—A.

ONGEST YARD—Burt Reynolds plays a nearly ex-locibell player who goes to jail and coaches the prison team. Many of the performances are strong, and there's a suspenseful big-game climas. But director Robert Adnich paves the way with addition humor and addied anti-womanism, as is his word.—A.

WE AND ANARCHY—Line Many 1997.

LOVE AND ANARCHY-Lins Wertmuser's comedy-dra shout a revolutionary and a proestuse Uneven emergesco-.

MAD ADVENTURES OF "RABBI" JACOB General Oury di-rected this French farce, with lone of stepatick, a zamy plot based on Miderat Intrigue, and a final hymn to eth-nic brotherhood. Louis de Funes stars—F

MALEZIA Gorgeousy filmed but seamy Italian comedy about a young boy's infatuation with a mad—A MANEL-Lucille Ball plays the quirky site role in this big, bouncing, but somewhat strained musical in the old, anything-goes tradition. Gene Sats directs unevenly: Paul Zirubi wrote the screen play John McGiver, Beattice Arthur, and Robert Preston head a first-rate supporting cast—A.

Ing disst—A.

URDER ON THE ORIENT EXPRESS—A shivary delight, guaranteed to keep you guessing and grinning until the float scenes let you know whodunit. A mite gristy at moments, but the availables detailing are kept well out of sight, and the mein emphasis is on laughs and suspense. Albert Pinney, Ingrid Sergman, Lauren Bacall, Anthony Peidrina, Martin Balsam head the assounding cast—A.

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Peidris, Martin Balsam head the assounding cast—A.

MUTATIONSE—R's a mystery how director Jack Cardiff (an

Cacar winner) and glified actor Donald Pleasance ever
got mixed up with this wretched and distastaful horror
pic about a mad solentist who wants to burn people into
plants (for the people's own good, yet)—A.

MADA GANG—French director Claude Chabrol's cavage but
intelligent thrifler about a political idinapping. Visualwy
teacharing yet philosophically cynical, a cry of ideological depair displaced in cleverly reshaped Hollywoodish
conventions—A.

Conveniona—A. Wilder Covant's steazy drams of a former Nazi officer (Dirk Bogarde) and his concentration camp victim (Charlothe Rampling) who meet again and pick up where they let off, Message about the meannases of the Juman condition gets lost amid all the foul and pomities sentiam—A.

sadism—A.

OBSSA FILE—Ambilious but fireless meledrams about a crussifing young man (Jon Volght) hunding a Mazt war criminal (Madmellan Schell)—A.

OPHELIA—A modern reworking of "Hamlet," set in provincial France. A siow, murky, and highly personal work, it tells more about director Claude Chabrol than about Shakespeers, more about the Franch bourgeoiste than about the hunder condition. But a variety of insights underlie its eccentric surface—A.

PARALLAX VIEW—Warren Beatty stars in Alen J. Pakula's

deri, and dismai drama about a corporation that special trea in political assassinations. Sometimes suspenseful sometimes dust, sometimes trite, sometimes very bizarra

PETIT THEATRE DE JEAN RENOIR—The most recent film by a master director, "The Little Theoret" unfolds three stories (and a song performed by Jeanne Moreau) of uneven quality but consistent warmin and friendliness. The Imal episode questions some assumptions about conventional marriage morality, however, thus removing the made-for-French-TV antibility from the universal lamity-viewing category—A.

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SCENES PROM A MARRIAGE—Ingmar Bergman has condensed his six-part Swedish-television series to alightly less than three hours of talky. Insightful, R-rated but sometimes very moving drams about the breakup of a marriage. The performances are shrewd and wonderful—Liv Ulimarm is attectivity dazzing—but the highly smottonal "action" lacks what the Bergman of old used to conjure up so well. All the excitament comes from the words and the acting—the theathics are fine, the moviemating so-so—A.

SEDUCTION OF MIMI—Mimi is a man, seduced by capitalism and the bourgeois life. Lina Wertmuller directed the imaginative though visually excessive larce—A.

SHANKS—Mime Marcel Manceau makes his speaking-role debut (playing two parts) in William Castle's rustully combs and sometimes creepy fantasy about a mad old scientist who learns how to make corpose move as if they were electronic robots, and the mute pupperies who uses the secret to his own ends—A.

STEPPERMOUL—Fred Haines wrote and directed this talthful adaptation of Hermann-Hesse's modern classic, which translates into visual terms the bizarre odyssey of a middle-agual cynic into a world of directed this talthful adaptation of the manning the pupperies are searned by estimation and video techniques, to varying effect. An interesting interpretation of a novel difficult to film, though some of the monally sensitive allusions seem more facile than deeply thoughdul in the movie version—A.

SUGARLAND EXPRESS—Cornelenne Goldie Hawn offers a searing performance as an ex-con who busts her husband out of jail and sets of on a hopeless journey, talted by police all the way, to recisim her beby from a foster home. Sen Johnson plays a warmly humane talmanan in this oddly humor-filed tragedy, clinected by newcomer Steven Speakure.

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TAKING OF PIELHAM ONE TWO THREE—Pura-and-complete thrifter based on John Godoy's best-selling novel, directed by Joseph Sargent. More griety than the book and just as foul-mouthed, but Walter Matchau, Robert Shaw, and Martin Balsam play it to the hit in bumpy tale of a high-cited subway ctar—A.

THE LITTLE PRINCE—Antoine de Seint Exapery's fay fittle volume transformed by Stanley Donart into an overbisem musical with little interest for young or old, deapte an island moments of wit, charm, and visual beauty. Bot Fosse, Richard Kiley, Gene Wilder, and sku-year-old Steven Warner John in the mythical into through the universe, complete with Lener & Loeve songs—F.

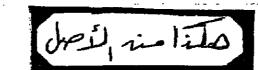
THREE MUSKETEERS — Stapstick mingles with sweath-buckling adverture in Richard Lester's flashy, colority telling of the earlier part of Dumps's novel. To lots of fun, but is weakened by a lack of well-rounded characters. The first-rate cast includes Charlon Heston, Requel Welch, Richard Chamberlain, Faye Dunsway, Christopher Lee, Oliver Reed, Geraidine Chaplin, Michael York, and others—A.

WEDDING IN BLOOD—An Bublication of human, guilt in a

York, and others—A.

WEDDING SN SCOOD—An exploration of human guilt in a
murder-mystery setting. The main characters are killers,
but the story's amotional power grows as their tested instincts mature—too late—into love, Directed by Chude
Chabrol, with Michel Piccoll—A.

Chacrol, with Michel Piccoll—A. WHITE DAWN—The plot focuses on lost whalers wendering through the Arctic, but the most fascinating characters are the Esidings who take them in. Philip Kauthun's so-weither drama is long on Hollywood convention and short on insight, but isbutous landscapes, help to compensate. Soenes dealing with the Esidine wite-sharing custom are brief, and apparently accurate sociologically, but not "necessary" to the story.—A.



- Leon W. Lindsay .

THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

The higher the fewer

It appears that college students across the country have gone to a new excess, further trying the patience of their elders and mentors.

It was bad enough when they let their hair grow long, or adopted. strange costumes and outlandish. music. But look what has happened now! They have taken to a frantic pursuit of high academic marks: they are engaged in nothing less than rivalry for straight A's. This represents a revolutionary drift, and it is no wonder the educational establishment is concerned.

A little while ago the tendency in education was to abolish marks altogether. Students were asking that they be judged on a "pass-fail" basis. Most of the students expected to pass; a minority didn't seem to mind failing, and everyone appeared delighted with the abolition of sharp numerical distinctions. The vagueness of the new system coincided with something vague and amorphous in their approach to life. The fact that no one was competing against his brother (or his sister) conformed to the genial attitudes of the generation.

My own reactions to this sudden change is, I confess, ambiguous, I can't quite go along with the alarm expressed by a spokesman for one Eastern university who, deploring the sudden emphasis on grades, discerns a mild form of neurosis at work. It is probably good to compete up to a point; it is encouraging to see young men and women striving for excellence. I do not condone, needless to say, the forms of sabotage

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which some overenthusiastic students in search of top marks have practiced upon the scientific experiments of their peers; but I think something a little keener and sharper, something comparable to the harsh but artificial distinctions of life, is more in keeping with the educational process than the moist embrace of equality which was offered by the "fail-pass" system.

My ambiguity of feeling is strengthened by the fact that I was myself brought up in a regime where marks were highly valued. In that New England school of long ago we were not rated as first, second or third in the class; rather as Primus. Secundus, and Tertius. Under these sonorous applications we were summoned into battle. By these awesome titles we were judged. Beyond the highest accomplishments there were lesser forms of distinction; and all of them could lead to graduated rewards, material no less than spiritual.

It was not only that long deferred benefits, such as profitable employment and rapid advancement were offered us in return for academic excellence. Our heaven was here and now. According to our rank in the class we were given free hours, and even sometimes whole free days

- glorious liberations spent in roaming that New England countryside. My recollection is that for the highest marks we could even get permission to leave the school for a

weekend. Moreover when an alumnus achieved Phi Beta Kappa the whole school was given a holiday - partly an act of plous celebration, partly a reminder to one and all that marks really are important in the battle of life.

And what marks they were! How mysteriously compounded and with what minute degrees of variation! In that precomputer age it was not beyond the skill of academicians to grade us as finely as to 1/50 of a point. I recall my disappointment after one important examination on finding I was third in rank, with a grade of 94 and 47/50. My two successful rivals were, respectively, one and two fifieths of a point above

Well, that was long ago; yet even to this day I can recapture my sense of confusion on finding that I often stood well and won coveted rewards when I didn't really feel I had worked hard enough to merit them. Certainly I had doubts that my nearest rivals were sufficiently inferior to me in wit or learning to be deprived of such rewards. I came to hate marks and all they stood for. I dreamed of a mark-free society, where everyone would have days off all the time, and life would be rid of senselus competition and haphazard distinctions.

Little did I know that in a later generation such a utopia would come to be - nor did I dream that young men and women would in due course turn away from it. O Tempora! as I believe they used to say in that school of mine - O Mores!



A secure home

secure home.

"And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation, and in sure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." More than a promise, this inspired statement from the Bible is a divine law of protection and blessing under which we all can claim our divine rights of peace, security, and protection at

The way we think is a crucial factor in the safety of our experience. Are our thoughts and

feel isolated, vulnerable, threatened? Are we overly concerned with acquiring and keeping material objects, because of some inherent sense of lack or limitation?

Or. on the other hand, is our thought filled with love? Are we warm and open, radiating an honest and trusting affection for all mankind? Are we joyous and satisfied, rejoicing in the spiritual abundance that is naturally ours? Mary Baker Eddy, the Dis-

[This is a German translation of today's religious article] Übersetzung des auf dieser Seite in englisch erscheinenden religiös

Ein sicheres Heim

Wir alle können ein geschütztes und sicheres Heim haben.

"Mein Volk [wird] in friedlichen Auen wohnen . . . , in sicheren Wohnungen und in stolzer Ruhe." 1 Diese inspirierte Erklärung aus der Bibel ist mehr als eine Verheißung, sie ist ein göttliches Gesetz des Schutzes und Segens, unter dem wir alle unsere göttlichen Rechte des Friedens, der Sicherheit und des Schutzes zu Hause beanspruchen können.

Wie wir denken, ist ein entscheidender Faktor unserer Sicherheit. Werden unsere Gedanken und Handlungen von Furcht beherrscht? Haben wir das Gefühl, isoliert, verletzbar und bedroht zu sein? Sind wir zu sehr damit beschäftigt, materielle Gegenstände anzuschaffen und sie aufzubewahren — vielleicht aus einem uns innewohnenden Gefühl des Mangels oder der Begrenzung?

Oder ist andererseits unser Denken von Liebe erfüllt? Haben wir ein warmes Herz, und sind wir aufgeschlossen, strahlen wir eine aufrichtige und vertrauensvolle Zuneigung zu allen Menschen aus? Sind wir fröhlich und zufrieden, und freuen wir uns des geistigen Reichtums, der uns naturgemäß gehört?

Mary Baker Eddy, die Entdeckerin und Gründerin der Christlichen Wissenschaft*, schreibt: "Wer recht denkt, bleibt unter dem Schatten des Allmächtigen." 3

Jeder von uns wird von Gott. der göttlichen Liebe, beschützt. In Wirklichkeit leben wir in der Atmosphäre der Seele - in der Christlichen Wissenschaft ein Synonym für Gott -, wo das Gute allmächtig und immer gegenwärtig ist. Nichts Schädliches oder Aggressives kann eindringen. Wenn wir mehr über Gott und Seine Liebe lernen, stellen wir fest, daß wir ein sichreres, zuversichtlicheres, von Störungen und Mangel freieres Leben führen. Unser Frieden ist vollständiger, und in unserer Umgebung finden wir weniger Disharmonie und beunruhigende Elemente.

Wenn wir der biblischen Forderung: "Vertrage dich nun mit Gott und mache Frieden" a nachkommen, hat unser Gemüt Ruhe. Wir sind uns der erhaltenden Gegenwart und Macht Gottes bewußt.

Im Grunde bringt das Heim unser individuelles Verständnis von dem immer gegenwärtigen Vater-Mutter Gott zum Ausdruck, der jede Not stillt. Es ist geistig und unantastbar, ein Ausdruck der Schönheit, Ordnung, Harmonie und Anmut Gottes, der Seele. Von der göttlichen Liebe und Wahrheit erleuchtet, ist das Heim geschützt und sicher.

Durch unser Verständnis von Gott und dem Menschen gestärkt, können wir anderen gegenüber nachsichtiger und rücksichtsvoller sein, und sie uns gegenüber. Ein Vertrauensverhältnis ist hergestellt.

Wenn unsere Gedanken von Liebe und Frieden erfüllt sind, werden allein diese Eigenschaften unser Leben beherrschen. Unser Leben wird geläutert und erhoben, und jeder um uns her wird gesegnet. Ist es nicht gerade das, was das Heim ausmachen sollte?

Mrs. Eddy schreibt: ,Ein von Güte erfülltes Gemüt hat keine Tür, durch die das Böse eindringen, und keinen Raum, den es ausfüllen kann. Gute Gedanken sind ein undurchdringlicher Panzer: damit angetan, seid ihr gegen die Angriffe des Irriums jeder Art vollständig geschützt. Und nicht nur ihr seid geborgen, sondern alle, auf denen eure Gedanken ruhen, werden dadurch gesegnet." 4

Jesaja 32:18; 2 Die Erste Kirche Christi. Wissenschafter, und Verschiedenes, 8. 210; Hiob 22:21; Verschiedenes,

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Une demeure sûre

Chacun peut avoir une demeure

dans notre foyer.

sure et en sécurité. « Mon peuple demeurera dans le séjour de la paix, dans des habitations sûres, dans des asiles tranquilles. » 1 Cette déclaration inspirée de la Bible est plus qu'une promesse; c'est une loi divine de protection et de bénédiction en vertu de laquelle nous pouvons tous revendiquer nos droits divins de paix, de sécurité et de protection

La manière dont nous pensons est un facteur décisif pour la sécurité de notre existence. Nos pensées et nos actions sont-elles contrôlées par la crainte ? Nous sentons-nous isolés, vulnérables, menacés? Sommes-nous trop occupés à acquérir et. à conserver des objets matériels, en raison de quelque sens inhérent de manque ou de limitation ?

Ou bien, par contre, notre pensée est-elle remplie d'amour? Notre attitude est-elle chaleureuse et franche, rayonnante d'affection honnête et confiante envers toute l'humanité ? Sommes-nous joyeux et satisfaits, nous réjouissant au sein de l'abondance spirituelle qui nous appartient de droit ?

Mary Baker Eddy, Découvreur et Fondateur de la Science Chrétienne*, écrit : «Celui qui a des pensées justes repose à l'ombre du Tout-Puissant. > 2

Chacun de nous est protégé par l'Amour divin, Dieu. En réalité, nous demeurons dans l'atmosphère de l'Ame, terme emplesé en Science Chrétienne comme synonyme de pensées en bénéficient. . * Dieu, où le bien est omnipotent et toujours présent. Rien de nuisible ni d'agressif ne peut y pénétrer. Tandis que nous en apprenons davantage au sujet de Dieu et de Son amour, nous trouvons une sécurité et une confiance plus grandes dans notre existence, nous nous sentons moins soumis à l'intrusion et au manque. Nous ressentons une paix plus complète et il y a moins de discordances ou de facteurs perturbateurs

dans notre entourage.

Obéissant à l'injonction biblique « Attache-toi donc à Dieu, et tu auras la paix »,3 notre esprit est en repos. Nous sommes conscients de la présence et du pouvoir de Dieu

qui nous soutiennent. Essentiellement, le home exprime notre compréhension individuelle de Dieu, le Père-Mère toujours présent qui répond à tous les besoins. Spirituel et sacré, il est la manifestation de la beauté, de l'ordre, de l'harmonie et de la grâce de l'Ame, Dieu. Illuminé par la Vérité et l'Amour divins, le home est sûr et en sécurité.

Fortifiés par notre compréhension de Dieu et de l'homme, nous pouvons nous montrer plus tolérants et avoir plus de considération les uns envers les autres. La confiance est ainsi établie.

Dans la mesure où nos pensées sont remplies d'amour et de paix, ces seules qualités gouverneront notre existence. Notre vie sera purifiée et élevée, et tous ceux qui nous entourent seront bénis. N'est-ce pas là ce que le home devrait être ?

Comme l'écrit Mrs. Eddy : « Il n'y a aucune porte par où le mal puisse pénétrer ni aucune place que le mal puisse remplir dans un entendement que remplit la bonté. Les bonnes pensées sont une armure impénétrable ; revêtus de cette armure vous êtes entièrement à l'abri des attaques de l'erreur quelle qu'en soit la nature. Et non seulement vous êtes vous-mêmes en sécurité, mais tous ceux sur qui reposent vos

2 Essie 32:18; 2 The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellary, p. 210; 3 Job 22:21; Miscellary, p. 210.

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Everyone can have a safe and actions controlled by fear? Do we coverer and Founder of Christian Science, writes, "The right thinker abides under the shadow of the Almighty."2

Each of us is protected by divine Love, God. We dwell, in reality, in the atmosphere of Soul used in Christian Science as a synonym for God - where good is omnipotent and ever present. Nothing harmful or aggressive can enter. As we learn more of God and His love, we find ourselves living more securely and confidently, freer from intrusion or lack. Our peace is more complete and there are fewer discords or disturbing elements in our surroundings.

Obedient to the biblical injunction "Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace," our mind is at rest. We are conscious of God's sustaining presence and

In essence, home expresses our individual understanding of God, the ever-present Father-Mother who meets every need. Spiritual and sacrosanct, it is a manifestation of the beauty, order, harmony, and grace of Soul, God. Iilumined by divine Love and Truth, home is safe and secure.

Fortified by our understanding of God and man, we can become more tolerant and considerate of others, and they of us. Trust is established.

As our thoughts are filled with love and peace, these qualities alone will govern our experience. Our lives will be purified and uplifted, and everyone around us will be blessed. Isn't this what home should be?

As Mrs. Eddy writes: "There is no door through which evil can enter, and no space for evil to fill in a mind filled with goodness. Good thoughts are an impervious armor; .clad therewith you are completely shielded from the attacks of error of every sort. And not only yourselves are safe, but all whom your thoughts rest upon are thereby benefited."4

¹Isaiah 32:18; ²The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 210; ³Job 22:21; 'Miscellany, p. 210.

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A dandy bird watcher

Since moving from our highland acres to our saltwater farm, I've become a dandy bird watcher. Back River, which laves our scene, is practically a sanctuary and although I can't very much tell one bird from another, I watch them all and have no particular favorites. No matter what colors Audubon used. all our birds turn pink in the evening, because of Mr. Russell's house. Mr. Russell's house is an offred, and it sits directly across Back River from our window so it reflects the setting sun at us. The water, if the tide is in, turns all pink, and in winter when ice is present we have pink ice. So the Great Blue Heron becomes a flamingo for us, and the teeter-birds turn to tanagers.

We get all the birds that stay with us, and during the migrations all the others. I've given up worrying about hunters. I observe they bang a great deal before a duck does them the courtesy of falling. They have these blinds along the shore, and we can see some of them from our window. We can see a flock of ducks come winging along, and then we can see the gunners bound up and shoot, and then we can see the ducks go winging along. I think the nature of Back River minimizes success because mostly the birds stay beyond reach. Perhaps, though, we just have smarter birds here.

The tide drains completely out of is not always visible — they seem to

John Gould

our vista. Some who visit us say, "What a pity to have all that mud!" but I think this gives us more to look at than the open sea would. Back River has clams, and we can wade for them, Sometimes professional clamdiggers work our flats, and where they disturb the mud they seem to work out food for birds. The teeter-birds seem to keep records about who is digging clams where, and they come in flocks with the incoming tide. Just as the water begins to flow over the places the clamdiggers have worked, they seesaw after worms, and as tide advances they come along so I finally have them right up by the saltgrass and lavender where I can give them

a good watch. We get about all the waterfowl common to Maine, but I think none of them nests on Back River. We've not seen ducklings in season. We get the dippers and divers. Blacks and mallards. But the eider, which Mainers call sea-duck, never shows here. They nest in great numbers on the offshore islands, and are often in our bays and coves, but Back River must be off their limits. I'm not sure about the redheads and canvasbacks and some of the other ducks, but I know the teals, and I'm getting to know the plovers. The Canada Goose

wing in down the river and work up while feeding until we hear them at night. They come ashore just below our window, but most often have flown by daylight. Some have suggested we should feed them so they'd stay around, but I never saw a Canada Goose that wasn't fat without my help, and it isn't always good conservation to change natural schedules. One flock of geese stayed a time anyway, and didn't take off until the Canadian weather reports were telling us it had cleared over Newfoundland and the Gaspe. I think a pird that knows as much as that will make out without sponging

Other than waterfowl, we get all the other small birds during their passages. It will be quite noisy on a spring or late summer morning when flocks come in to nourish, and we'll have dosens of kinds I never saw before and have no luck finding in the book. Last spring we had that migration of scarlet tanagers that was so much in the news - bad weather held them back and they stayed around when they shouldn't have. The first night they camped on our land, we had a lovely sunset and Mr. Russell's house did one of its better jobs. We didn't know they were tanagers. We thought they were blackbirds transmogrified by Mr. Russell's paint bucket. Everything is so pretty here, anyway.

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Freeing Watergate men

it by helping the system work. The latter choice deserves encouragement by the system. And the freeing of Watergate participants Dean, Kalmbach, and Magruder would be to encourage other lawbreakers of whatever stripe to come back to the side of the law.

These three men did not step forward until they saw the handwriting on the wall. But they did eventually, for whatever motive, serve the cause of justice. Now this service has been recognized, though Judge Sirica did not explain his action except to say that many factors entered in.

The danger is that a positive interpretation of the reduction of sentences may be lost in skepticism about the matter of equal justice in Watergate as a whole. While the American nation is still shaken by what Richard Nixon and his men did, all but two of more than a score judged guilty are out of prison for various reasons. Apart from individual circumstances of appeal or completed sentences, the image is one of minor punishment in relation to the country's worst scandals in

The several suspended or probationary sentences, notably for-

Once a man becomes involved in mer Vice-President Agnew's, and crime, he has two choices: to the pardon of Mr. Nixon in the face continue in 1t by thwarting the of incriminating evidence contribsystem of justice, or to turn from ute to questions about whether justice truly is being done.

Speaking before this week's Sirica decision, a parole officer best result of Judge Sirica's noted two considerations for granting parole. Would freeing an individual constitute a danger to society? Would the amount of sentence served satisfy the need for "accountability," the paying of a proper price for one's mis-

> Certainly Messrs. Dean, Magruder, and Kalmbach will not be a danger to their neighbors. Each citizen will have to decide whether he agrees that "accountability" has been satisified, as Judge Sirica must have done.

> Vengeance should be no part of the motive for evaluating punishment in Watergate or any other crime. Rather the impulse should be to try to salvage a net gain out of untoward events - for the individual and for society. Considering the constructive lessons the United States has learned, and the necessary disclosures in which many of the guilty have now aided, there definitely has been a net gain. As America puts together its broken pieces, it can only strengthen itself by helping the erring in any walk of life to put together broken lives and contribute to society again.

Who's got the petrodollar plan?

Next week's meeting of International Monetary Fund ministers in Washington will be extremely important. It must come to grips with the problem of what kind of mechanism to set up to recycle those huge petrodollar surpluses piling up in the oil-producing states.

At the moment the Europeans and Henry Kissinger do not see eye to eye. There is disagreement on the best way for the oil states to lend their surplus money to industrial nations that are having trouble meeting their high import bills. The stability of the Western economies could be at stake.

Members of the Common Market are backing a \$10 billion plan to borrow money from the oil producers through the IMF. Dr. Kissinger and Treasury Secretary William Simon, for their part, propose a special \$25 billion "safety net" in which the funds would be raised only from the rich consuming countries and loans would be pegged to cutting back oil imports. They reportedly do not oppose the IMF facility as well - but they do not want to go to the oil producers for the money.

Europe is cool to the Kissinger-Simon scheme, viewing it as part of Washington's effort to line up the consuming nations against the producers. The IMF fund would give the producers, too, a voice in the lending process and, as the Europeans see it, take the edge off the new situation rather than create an atmosphere of confrontation. And Secretary Kissinger makes no bones about seeking "consumer solidarity" before a consumer-producer dialogue is launched.

The West Germans, especially, oppose the Kissinger plan because they fear that the U.S. and Germany, financially the strongest, would end up bailing out borrowers that default. It is further argued that the IMF facility could be put into operation more quickly because it would not have to be approved by national legislatures. Why not, then, two plans?

Both European and U.S. officials say they do not regard the proposals as competitive. Adoption of both would seem to make sense. These are, after all, contingency mechanisms. Some experts warn that the Western banking system is nearing the limit of its ability to cope with the petrodollar glut and new facilities will be needed. A \$10 billion fund is inadequate, considering the annual petrodollar surpluses of more than \$60 billion.

Surely the Common Market ministers and the U.S. can work out the problem in that muchtalked-about spirit of compromise. Such an approach made headway at the recent Franco-American summit in Martinique, with the result that energy cooperation with Europe is now making quiet progress. It is to be hoped such an approach will also prevail at the IMF talks in Washington.

Keeping marijuana curbs

Last November the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare said in a lengthy report on marijuana that the drug has "serious implications" for a user's physical and psychological health.

This week a group of scientists. convened by the nongovernment Drug Abuse Council, discussed these health aspects of marijuana and their implications for public drug policy. The scientists shied from taking a black-and-white position linking the drug's health hazard potential and penalties for its use. They indicated it would take another four or five years to make a reliable assessment of the impact of marijuana on health and behavior. They suggested the public, in the meantime, rely on its own judgment in determining marijuana use policy.

Significantly, this week's Drug Abuse Council session did not effectively allay the concerns raised by the HEW study about marijuana's potential dangers. It seems only prudent, then, if several years' study are needed, to continue sanctions against the spread of marijuana use.

This is not to suggest that there need be no change in current laws affecting marijuana possession

and sale. A realistic national policy has yet to be set by Congress. In general, such policy should remain tough on the sellers and movers of marijuana.

But consistency and a sense of proportion need to be brought to the often draconian, largely unenforceable, and widely varying penalties against users. President Ford's chief adviser on drugs, Robert DuPont, has expressed interest in Oregon's marijuana approach. The state has continued its official disapproval of marijuana use by making possession a civil rather than criminal violation, carrying a fine instead of a prison

Dr. DuPont holds that "illegality is clearly a deterrent to large numbers of potential users." Despite estimates that one in 10 Americans has tried marijuana, its use is not so widespread that attempts to contain it are of no avail. The growth curve of cigarette use in America, for instance, has been significantly checked by public efforts to curb smoking. It could be injurious to millions of individuals to cast aside the possible benefits of public forms of disapproval of marijuana use, and the public should ease such restraints only warily.



Small farms for big needs

By Richard L. Strout

Washington World hunger presents an increasing moral dilemma for Americans and I would like to come back to it once more before finally putting away my celluloid "Presse" badge. No. 1115, from last November's World Food Conference at Rome. Americans spent most of their time discussing America's duty at Rome, and there was a disposition for everyone else to join in the debate, too.

The U.S. has 6 percent of the world's population, consumes 40 percent of the world's resources and exports half of all the food that is exported by bulk. By contrast, 40 underdeveloped countries face hunger and famine, and the birthrate in these countries is high.

In a world whose four billion people will double in 35 years at present rates, the U.S. obviously has an obligation to try to help, and to feed the hungry where it can - and no doubt it should do more than it is now doing. But at the same time I became convinced at Rome that the U.S. can't do it alone, however insistent some of the Communist powers seemed to be to the contrary.

Does this mean world famine? There is no complete answer, but two thoughts were repeated quietly again and again by delegates from some of the 130 nations present, not so much in formal government statements as in personal conversations.

One thought was advocacy of the small farm. Let's think small, they said. America's whole concept is that agricultural efficiency lies in immensity, the waving wheat field that stretches on and on to the end of the horizon. But this is silly for the crowded countries. They can't finance combines, tractors, insecticidespraying airplanes. The one thing they are rich in is manpower. And the latest agricultural thought heard at Rome was these small farms - two acres, maybe - can be made efficient; at any rate vastly more efficient than they now are. In fact, by a social revolution or two some of problem of the era.

these countries could feed themselves as, indeed, they have in times past.

Around 1868, for example, Japan modernized its farm system: Farms used to be around two acres and they still are, but farming has been made far more intensive. Output from these pocket-handkerchief size farms is now about 2.5 times per acre what it is in the underdeveloped countries. Couldn't this be done elsewhere? I was told that a few other countries have tried the system with fair success: Egypt, Taiwan, and South Korea. It is called "small-farm laborintensive" agriculture.

But it needs social change to be successful. The small farm must have access to credit, fertilizer, irrigation, insecticides, and technical skill on a fair basis. There must be economic and probably ownership in his land. He must be freed from the tyrannical money-lender and landlord. In short, output is miserable in many countries because the oppressed farmer is trapped in an outworn social structure. The leaders of some of these countries implore, or perhaps demand, aid from the United States without putting their own house in

The second thought heard so insistently at Rome that it began to take on the color of an accepted truism was that if farmers are given pride in their farms even though the latter are small, reckless family proliferation will diminish. If children are going to live, and perhaps inherit something, there is less reason to have a dozen of them. Poverty is what explodes population. Statistics seem to support this

thesis. The World Bank is apparently incorporating these two ideas in the rationale of its loans. They have found expression in the formula for aid by the House Foreign Affairs Committee to help the "poorest majority." The new concepts do not remove the obligation of rich countries to aid the hungry, but they do indicate a hopeful, long-run approach to the biggest

Saigon's unsinkable press

questioned whether the Watergate disclosures by the American press would undermine democratic government in the United States and delay its progress elsewhere. Now Vietnamese newsmen are seeing their own protests spearhead a broad popular clamor for political reforms. As a consequence, President Thieu may eventually follow Richard Nixon into retirement.

Beneath the surface, demonstrations by newsmen and supporters in recent months represented the resilience and increasing sophistication of South Vietnam's press. Despite political controls and primitive printing facilities, the eventual coming-of-age of the press would provide one hallmark of a freer society — an opposition press - which, in turn, might help sustain a non-Communist opposition movement in South Vietnam. Such possibilities appear less than

fantasy only because the South Vietnamese press has already moved well beyond its origins. Before the departure of the French from Indo-China, the press was venal. Even during the fighting of the past decade, it was broadly irresponsible. Yet one tends to forget that the American military presence in Vietnam had an unexpected positive aspect: a generation of Vietnamese newsmen observed close-up — and some were trained by American journalists who covered the war. Vietnamese reporters and editors learned the values of freedom perhaps even better than they absorbed techniques of reporting or electronic communication.

Last year the United States Information Service in Saigon conducted five days of "media seminars" at which Vietnamese journalists examined the roots of American press freedoms and professional techniques. The seminars were low-keyed and broadly focused, and were conducted by four Americans with journalistic and educational backgrounds but without U.S. Government responsibilities.

A session I conducted ran four and a half hours. I described the criteria employed in the Comparative Survey of Freedom with which I am associated. On the wall of Freedom House in New York, I told the Vietnamese newsmen, a 20-foot map of freedom depicts the current estimate of the civil and political status of every country and dependency. The free are shown in white; partly free, grey; not free, black. Almost before I finished, the question came:

"What is the color of South Vietnam?" "Grey," I replied, "and North Vietnam is black." "Grey!" a journalist repeated, in what seemed like mock disbelief. "South Vietnam, on

South Vietnamese journalists once the basis of our freedom, should he white." It was a relative matter, The journalist cited recent examples of measures taken against newspapers by the Ministry of Information. R. noted that paper costs were up 400 percent, confiscation of issues can bankrupt newspapers, journalists can be imprisoned for 13 years and fined 1-5 million plasters.

But, he continued, only several papers have been forced out of bust. ness, only "self-censorship" has been imposed, and - though costly confis. cation of issues is not rare - no newsman has yet been imprisoned. "South Vietnam," he concluded with high dramatic effect, "should be white, not grey. We are free!"

The journalists who attended the USIS seminars seemed to reflect not only an intense, almost passionate commitment to free their press from government controls. They appeared also to understand that freedom implies responsibility for the journalist

Even under present controls, there is some press independence. There are among the 16 general newspapers only three known as proadministra. tion, two as oppositionist and 11 as independent. The administration press has only 20,000 readers out of 156,000 daily. South Vietnam is, indeed, a grey area for press freedom. Yet the 1974 seminars were, after all widely publicized, well attended and thoroughly reported - all without government interference. Freedom @ speech prevailed, if not full freedom of the press.

The broad interest in the details of the American democratic process suggests that standards for examining free institutions can be universalized. This is not to say that any other country - certainly not the developing nations - will follow the American pattern. America's constitutional system nonetheless provides the debating points for others. Il is vital to set forth maximum standards toward which the less-than-free can move, rather than settle for minimum standards which many nations can presently accept. The U.S. need not downgrade its experience by assuming it cannot be instructive for other cultures or other political and social systems.

Nor should the U.S. belittle other people by accepting the dictum, often set down by its own leaders, that it is too early in their development for political freedom.

Perhaps that is what the recent demonstrations in the streets of Saigon were telling us.

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Readers write

On Kurds' rights, parochiaid

Your recent articles on the 13-yearold struggle between the Kurds and the Iraqi Baath regime of Iran are

The Kurds form a separate ethnic group totally different from the remaining population of Iraq. They have been fighting to redeem their rights since the British made a state of Iraq. For a change, should not the United Nations pick up a decent subject and discuss the problem and suffering of the Kurds?

The Kurds fought and are fighting for their rights to live, to dress, to speak, in their own way, in their own land, in their own language, with their own leaders. Yet the Iraqis, so outspoken on the rights of the Palestinian refugees, are denying the Kurds and now seem resolved to exterminate

Roslyn, N.Y. B. R. Horesh

Godfrey Sperling Jr.'s article on parochiaid covers the points well. It seems to me that we should be giving more thought, time and money (ii needed) to lifting the quality of teaching (and teachers) and raising the level of education in the public schools (and thus the quality of their product), and let the private schools do "their own thing" in their own way. This would call for elevating the moral tone of the whole of society, a consummation devoutly to be de-

Felton, Calif.

Letters expressing readers' views are welcome. Each receives editorial consideration though only a selection can be published and none individually acknowledged. All are subject to condensation.

Harry Elliott

Mirror of opinion

Various outfits like the American National Cattlemen Assn., the Meat Board, etc., are striving to acquaint the world and particularly our own public and politicians with the simple fact that cutting down on American cattle feeding will do nothing to alleviate world food shortage.

It's pointed out, for example, that more than three-fourths of the feed used to produce a fat steer or heifer in this country comes not from grain but from range or pasture forage which would go to waste except for cattle grazing.

Also that the grain used in beef production is not the sort desired for human consumption. The U.S. already exports 75 percent of its wheat crop and 57 percent of its rice crop. Neither wheat nor rice is used to any extent in cattle feeding.

Some misinformed do-gooders have suggested Americans should observe meatless days in order to be able to export more grain, claiming hungry .

Must more food mean less beef?

people elsewhere around the world could use the grain to better advantage in its original form rather than in the form of meat. This is nonsense, of course. The feed grains - sorghum, corn - that we ship abroad are generally fed to livestock at the foreign destination. 1 1 1

How it happened we do not know, but somehow the loudspeakers demanding we curb beef production heard that it takes up to 10 pounds or more of grain to produce a pound of beef. This is a case of little knowledge being extremely hazardous. Once the advocates of lower domestic beef production discover this single bit of misinformation, it seems almost impossible to acquaint them with anything else pertaining to the cattle business. The fact that a feedlot animal consumes eight pounds or so of grain to put on a pound of flesh obscures all other facts, such as that the animal may have gone into the

feedlot weighing 700-800 pounds off pasture and, having eaten a certain amount of grain in the feedlot, turns out to be an animal that yields a pound of choice meat for every two or three pounds of grain it has con-

sumed. It is further ignored that cattle (hogs and sheep, too) yield other valuable items in addition to meat leather, vital medicines (insulin, for example), wool, glue, photo film, fertilizer and feed products, to name a

Incredibly, it seems there are powerful, insidious, sinister forces at work against American agriculture, and those elected or appointed to defend us appear hopelessly incompetent or indifferent in their duties. Yet, as a recent ANCA informational release points ont, agriculture is by far the nation's biggest industry, with assets equal to threefifths of the assets of all the corporations in the country. And the cattle industry is the largest segment of U.S. agriculture.

"About 1.8 million farmers produce cattle either full or part time," says the ANCA. "To cut out cattle production would adversely affect the entire economy, virtually destroy some communities, and cause tremendous unemployment."

Who would be helped by diverting grain from American cattle to cattle (or even humans) abroad? Nobody. much, except those nations who would like to see America dragged down to their own economic level, weakened, a target for conquest. - West Texas Livestock Weekly

> Knowledge must come through action; you can have no test which is not fanciful, save by trial

Sophocles

